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## Overview

Michelle Schaap practices cybersecurity, privacy and corporate law.

Combining her cyber risk management, privacy, technology and corporate experience, Michelle has spearheaded and developed CSG Law's cybersecurity practice. She regularly advises clients on cybersecurity preparedness, counsels clients when data security incidents arise and trains companies on best practices for security procedures addressing both their business operations and their customers' concerns.

Michelle assesses her clients' risk management practices and security incident preparedness to develop a proactive response and recovery plan enacted to recover from security breaches. Michelle also works with clients in contract review, drafting and negotiation in critical areas of privacy and security. Michelle advises clients on the states' and sectoral privacy and cybersecurity laws that impact their businesses, and helps them to develop and implement programs to meet those mandates.

Within corporate law, she primarily practices in construction, franchising and renewable energy – representing a varied client base that ranges from Fortune 500 companies to closely-held businesses. Michelle is a member of the New York Metro InfraGard Alliance.

Michelle is a Certified Information Privacy Professional, awarded from the International Association of Privacy Professionals, with a concentration on U.S. private-sector law (CIPP/US) and just completed her two-year term as Co-Chair of the IAPP New Jersey KnowledgeNet Chapter. She is an adjunct professor at Fordham University, teaching Privacy & Cybersecurity. Michelle is also a member of, and a regular speaker for, ICS2 and NY – ISACA.



## Honors

- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Privacy and Data Security Law (2020-2023)
- *Morris/Essex Health & Life Magazine*, Top Lawyers, Technology Virtual (2022)
- *NJBIZ* Leaders in Law, Privacy (2021)
- CIANJ, Best Practices Award (2019)
- *New Jersey Law Journal*, Top Women in the Law (2018)
- Leading Women Entrepreneurs & Corporate Leaders of New Jersey Honoree (2017)
- *Corporate Insider*, Excellence in Technology Law Award - New Jersey (2017)
- Professional Lawyer of the Year Award – New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law (2017)
- Best 50 Women in Business, *NJBIZ* (2011)
- Martindale-Hubbell AV® Preeminent™ Rating

## Involvement

- American Bar Association
- Essex County Bar Association
- The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation
- International Association of Privacy Professionals, KnowledgeNet Chapter Chair
- New Jersey Business and Industry Association, Information Technology Committee (2016-2017)
- New Jersey State Bar Association
- New Jersey Women Lawyers Association (Nominations Co-Director, 2020-2021; President, 2018-2019; President Elect, 2017-2018; Vice President, 2016-2017; Chief Financial Officer, 2015-2016; Former Co-Chief Operating Officer, 2013-2015)
- Women Presidents Organization



- NJ LEEP, Mentor

## Education

- International Association of Privacy Professionals (Certified Information Privacy Professional, 2019)
- Mitchell Hamline School of Law (Cybersecurity and Privacy Law Certificate, 2016)
- New Jersey Institute of Technology (Certificate in Construction Management, 2009)
- Rutgers University School of Law - Newark (J.D., 1987)
- Cornell University (B.A., *cum laude*, 1984)

## Bar & Court Admissions

- New Jersey