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Education

JD, Georgetown University Law Center, 1987, Editor, *Georgetown Law Journal*; Order of the Coif
BA, Yale University, 1977

Bar Admissions

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J. Beckwith ("Becky") Burr is a partner in the firm's Regulatory and Government Affairs Department, and a member of the Communications, Privacy and Internet Law Practice Group and the Financial Institutions Practice Group. She joined the firm in 1989.

Ms. Burr is a veteran of the Federal Trade Commission and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration. She has both a regulatory and transactional practice focused on e-commerce, information technology, intellectual property licensing, and international regulation of communications and information technology.

Practice

As an Attorney-Advisor at the Federal Trade Commission (January 1995 - June 1997), Ms. Burr was responsible for competition and consumer protection policy in connection with information industry/electronic information infrastructure. At the Commission, she participated in developing the FTC's approach to competition, consumer protection, and privacy/data protection in the digital marketplace.

At the National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA"), first as Senior Internet Policy Advisor (June 1997 - December 1997) and subsequently as Associate Administrator and Director of International Affairs (December 1997 - October 2000), Ms. Burr was responsible for the formulation, analysis, and implementation of Internet and information technology policy as well as international telecommunications and information technology policies. As the chief NTIA official in the Clinton Administration's inter-agency task force on e-commerce, she

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was responsible for development and implementation of Administration policy on Internet governance and privacy and chaired the task force on privatization of the Internet domain name system.

Recent Highlights

- Currently represents multinational corporations from a variety of industry sectors in developing and implementing enterprise-wide data protection (privacy and security) compliance programs, responding to security incidents, and structuring international data flows
- Advises Internet and e-commerce companies on a wide range of matters including consumer protection, advertising, privacy, and international regulatory matters
- Advises existing and prospective operators of Internet top-level domain Registries with respect to the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers

Professional Activities

Ms. Burr writes and speaks frequently on privacy and e-commerce issues. She also has addressed Congress (Internet governance) and international audiences, including the WTO, the ITU, and the OECD (international communications and information policy). Ms. Burr was a founding member of the board of directors of the International Association of Privacy Professionals, and is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP). Ms. Burr is a member of the BNA Privacy and Security Law Report Advisory Board, and an adjunct professor at the George Washington University Law School.

Honors and Awards

- Listed as a "Leading Lawyer" in the area of Media, technology and telecoms: Technology- data protection and privacy in the 2009 edition of [The Legal 500 United States](#)
- Recognized as a leader in privacy & data security in the 2007, 2008 and 2009 editions of [Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business](#)
- Selected by her peers for inclusion in the 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 editions of [The Best Lawyers in America](#), in the area of information technology law

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