



Data Breach

Rapid Response and Strategic Defense in the Wake of a Breach

A data breach can disrupt operations, damage customer trust, and trigger costly regulatory investigations or litigation. Businesses face obligations under a patchwork of federal, state, and international laws that require swift, coordinated responses. The stakes are high: delays or missteps can magnify exposure, invite class actions, and erode brand reputation.

Hinshaw helps clients prepare for and respond to data breaches with precision and urgency. Our team integrates legal, technical, and regulatory insight to guide organizations through the entire breach lifecycle—from planning and containment to notification, remediation, and defense. We provide practical strategies that protect legal interests while helping companies rebuild stakeholder confidence.

Crisis-Tested Experience: We have managed data breach response across industries, including financial services, healthcare, retail, insurance, and education.

Multi-Jurisdictional Knowledge: Our team navigates compliance with federal, state, and cross-border breach notification requirements.

Litigation and Enforcement Defense: We represent clients in class actions, regulatory investigations, and enforcement actions that often follow a breach.

Business-Aligned Solutions: We design response plans that are not only legally compliant but also operationally realistic and reputation-conscious.

Areas of Focus

Notification & Reporting

Hinshaw helps companies meet notification requirements under state, federal, and international laws. We coordinate communications with regulators, affected individuals, and business partners to ensure compliance and minimize reputational harm.

Incident Response

We work with forensic investigators, IT teams, and management to contain breaches, preserve evidence, and evaluate legal obligations. Our attorneys guide clients through crisis decision-making and stakeholder communication.

Regulatory Investigations & Enforcement

Our team defends businesses in inquiries and enforcement actions by state attorneys general, the FTC, CFPB, HHS, and other regulatory bodies. We develop strategies to limit exposure and resolve matters efficiently.

Class Action Defense

Class actions often follow data breaches, with plaintiffs alleging violations of privacy laws, breach notification statutes, or consumer protection rules. Hinshaw defends companies in these high-stakes cases, drawing on extensive experience with privacy and consumer class actions nationwide. Our approach emphasizes early motion practice, class certification challenges, and tailored defense strategies that minimize liability, resolve disputes efficiently, and protect client reputation.

Litigation Defense

We have significant experience defending clients in breach-related individual lawsuits as well. Our lawyers understand evolving liability theories and work to shield clients from costly judgments or settlements.

Preparedness & Prevention

Beyond crisis response, we help companies strengthen data security and reduce breach risk. Services include drafting incident response plans, conducting tabletop exercises, reviewing insurance coverage, and advising boards and executives on risk governance.

Protecting Trust After a Breach

When a breach occurs, businesses need more than technical solutions. They need experienced legal counsel that can respond quickly, limit liability, and protect brand integrity. Hinshaw delivers that support, helping clients navigate the legal, regulatory, and reputational challenges of a data breach with confidence.

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Navigating Standing Considerations in Data Breach Class Actions

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