

# Ehijele Olumese

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Cyber/Data/Privacy

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Technology Transactions

Internet and Social Media

Communications

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Ehijele is an experienced lawyer with deep knowledge of cutting-edge cybersecurity and data privacy issues, advising a diverse clientele that spans startups to Fortune 500 companies across sectors such as ecommerce, consumer products, media and entertainment, technology, life sciences, software, and finance. He offers strategic counsel on contractual and transactional matters, and he excels in guiding clients through the complexities of data privacy incidents, regulatory inquiries, and investigations. Ehijele also aids in the development, implementation, and training of incident response planning policies and procedures.

Ehijele's broad skill set extends to helping clients navigate and adapt their compliance strategies to align with various domestic and international privacy and data security laws, including the California Privacy Rights Act (CPRA) and the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Leveraging nearly a decade of experience as a cybersecurity engineer, Ehijele integrates his thoughtful technological acumen into his legal practice, enhancing his ability to provide comprehensive and informed legal advice.

Prior to his legal career at Cooley, Ehijele served as a lead cybersecurity engineer at The MITRE Corporation, focusing on cybersecurity strategy, policy and privacy in the context of national security. He holds a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) credential, and he is recognized as a Fellow of Information Privacy (FIP) by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).

In addition to his professional pursuits, Ehijele is dedicated to enhancing public awareness and understanding of cybersecurity and data privacy, merging his technical and legal know-how to foster greater interest in and knowledge of these critical fields.

### Publications

- Co-author of "[Virginia Becomes Second US State to Enact Comprehensive Privacy Law](#)," Cooley cyber/data/privacy insights blog, March 8, 2021
- Co-author of "[Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations](#)," National Institute of Standards and Technology, Special Publication 800-53, Revision 5, December 10, 2020
- Co-author of "[Control Baselines for Information Systems and Organizations](#)," National Institute of Standards and Technology, Special Publication 800-53B, December 10, 2020

### Certifications

- ISC2 Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- IAPP Fellow of Information Privacy (FIP)
- IAPP Certified Information Privacy Technologist (CIPT)
- IAPP Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US)

- EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)
- Oracle Certified Professional, Java SE 5 Programmer

## Education

Georgetown University Law Center  
JD ,

Carnegie Mellon University  
MSc with distinction,

Hampton University  
BSc cum laude,

## Admissions & Credentials

California

District of Columbia

## Memberships & Affiliations

International Association of Privacy Professionals

International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium

American Bar Association (ABA)