

2020 Virtual Annual Meeting Speaker Biographies



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Melissa Ventrone is a member in Clark Hill's Chicago office where she addresses her clients' cybersecurity needs. She reacts swiftly and decisively when she is enlisted on a cybersecurity breach. As leader of the cybersecurity breach response team, she focuses her experienced group of first responders, including lawyers and forensic investigators, on around-the-clock management of the situation and minimizing damage by working to limit any public or regulatory fallout. When not managing her clients' urgent breach concerns, Melissa is a proactive consultant in managing data privacy and security risks.

Melissa advises clients on compliance with state, federal, and international laws and regulations. She helps companies ensure that policies, procedures, and cyber crisis response plans are sufficient. Melissa works with management teams, boards of directors, vendors, outside consultants, and other third parties to build and execute risk-reducing action plans.