

Melissa Ventrone

When a cybersecurity incident strikes, Melissa coordinates a swift and strong breach response to manage her clients' situation and minimize damage. As chair of Thompson Coburn's cybersecurity practice, she leads teams of first responders, including lawyers and forensic investigators, in jumping head-on into a crisis. Melissa and her team work around the clock to control a breach situation and manage any public or regulatory fallout. When not in urgent response mode, Melissa represents her clients in cybersecurity litigation and proactively manages data privacy and security risks.

Melissa has led cybersecurity incident response teams in connection with small breaches impacting a few hundred people to larger breaches impacting millions on behalf of merchants, financial institutions, medical providers, and educational institutions. Melissa and her team work with clients to preserve evidence, determine a breach's scope, document the response, and craft communications that both meet legal requirements and protect a company's brand.