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Timothy C. Blank was the managing partner of Dechert's Boston office for 14 years. He is a litigation partner on the trial team and is also head of Dechert's data privacy and cybersecurity practice. He represents technology, financial services and biotechnology companies in complex federal and state court litigation, including consumer and securities class actions and patent, copyright, trade secret, non-compete, and contract cases. He also advises on software licensing, data privacy and protection, IP transactions and government investigations.

Mr. Blank serves as a trial adviser for the Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Program, is a member of the Computer Litigation Section of the American Bar Association and has published a number of articles addressing the resolution of software licensing disputes and software copyright litigation. He is recognized as a "Litigation Star" by *Benchmark Litigation*, a leading legal referral guide.

Intellectual Property

- Successful representation of a **privately held software company** in copyright litigation in the District of Massachusetts alleging the illegal downloading and copying of kitchen design software programs (three-week jury trial).
- Lead counsel in the successful representation of a **multinational Internet company** in a U.S. Federal Trade Commission investigation related to data privacy issues and theft of computer data.
- Representation of a **technology company** in patent litigation relating to computer network switches and routers (settled favorably).
- Representation of a multinational biotech company and its subsidiary in patent and licensing litigation related to siRNA synthesis (won dismissal of patent claim and successfully settled license issues).
- Successful representation of an **Internet company** in U.S. Federal Trade Commission investigation related to data privacy issues and theft of computer data.
- Representation of a **major bank** in litigation arising out of computer data theft involving millions of credit card numbers (ongoing).
- Successful representation of a **privately held software company** in litigation alleging breach of software license, copyright infringement and misappropriation of trade secrets by a large publicly traded software company (three-week trial).
- Successful defense of a **publicly traded software company** in copyright litigation alleging copying of proprietary source code for CAD systems (two-week trial in federal court).
- Representation of a **Canadian software company** in litigation alleging copyright infringement of its graphical user interface (ongoing).

Financial Services and Securities

- Drafting **Information Security Programs** and counseling various mutual funds, hedge funds and investment advisors with regard to state and federal data privacy and security rules.
- Representation of **the officers and directors of a publicly traded company** in a securities class action in the District of Massachusetts alleging misrepresentations in connection with bond offerings (settled favorably).
- Successful representation of **mutual fund companies** in investigations by the SEC, NASD and state attorneys general.
- Advice to **public and private fund companies**, managers and advisors in connection with regulatory and contractual matters.
- Representation of a **mutual fund company** in national class action litigation alleging improper investment activity in violation of securities law (settled favorably).
- Successful representation of **public and private pension funds** in litigation related to management of the funds.

Complex Commercial Litigation

- Represent a **major provider of cable services** in national consumer class actions (ongoing).
- Successful representation of a **software company** in a dispute arising out of the acquisition of another company.

- Representation of **an aircraft manufacturer** in multi-party contract litigation (settled favorably).
- Successful representation of **a specialty food product manufacturer** in litigation over worldwide distribution rights (two-week trial).
- Successful representation of **a global chemical manufacturer** in multi-billion dollar litigation arising out of explosion and fire.

EDUCATION

- Duke University, B.A., 1980, *cum laude*
- Boston University School of Law, J.D., 1986, *magna cum laude*, editor of the *Boston University Law Review*

ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

MEMBERSHIPS

- Harvard Law School Trial Advocacy Program
- Computer Litigation Section, American Bar Association

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- **GDPR: The First Six Months** — New York, NY (October 11, 2018)
- **Intellectual Property Issues in Financial Services Seminar: What's Hot?** — Boston, MA (September 27, 2018)
- **SuperReturn US East** — (June 13, 2017)

Chair, Cybersecurity Workshop. Leader, "Crime Watch" session on obtaining a better

understanding of cyber-crime and its impacts on day-to-day business, including ways in which regulators expect private equity firms to minimize cyber risks.

- **Cybersecurity and the Board of Directors** — 2016 ICI Global Cybersecurity Forum, London (June 14, 2016)
- **The Role of a Law Firm Prior to and During a Breach** — Investment Company Institute Committee Meeting, London (January 28, 2016)
- **Monitoring Cyber Behavior: Big Brother or Prudent Defense?** — 2015 Investment Company Institute Cybersecurity Forum, Washington (November 5, 2015)

Speaker, panel on practices that can help meet the needs of both the company and individuals.

- **Cybersecurity: What to Do Once There Has Been a Data Breach** — Legal Forum at the Investment Company Institute General Membership Meeting, Washington, D.C. (May 20, 2014)

Presenter, "Cybersecurity: What to Do Once There Has Been a Data Breach."

- **Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Law - Will the US and EU Regulators Soon Be Knocking on Your Door?** — Presented by ACC GNY with Sponsorship by Dechert LLP, New York, NY (March 22, 2012)

Leader, roundtable discussion on recent US and EU regulatory developments regarding cybersecurity and data privacy.

- **Data Privacy and Cybersecurity: Keeping Up with the Ever Changing US and European Data Privacy Developments** — Presented by DELVACCA with Sponsorship by Dechert LLP, Philadelphia, PA (February 21, 2012)

Speaker, discussion on developments related to data privacy and protection liabilities.

- **Keeping Up With Ever-Changing US and European Data Privacy Requirements-Are You In Compliance?** — Association of Corporate Counsel - Greater NY Chapter - Compliance and Ethics Practice Group Meeting, New York, NY (September 20, 2011)

Speaker, discussion on recent SEC and FTC enforcement actions, and the data breach notification statutes in the US.

- **Legal Frameworks: An Overview of the Patchwork of Privacy-Related Laws and Regulations Around the Globe** — IAPP Privacy Bootcamp, Boston, MA (June 17, 2011)