

PARTNER

DENA M. CASTRICONE

Dena M. Castricone, CIPP/US, CIPM, is the Chair of the Privacy and Cybersecurity group and a member of the Long Term Care and Health Care Practice Groups. She also serves as Chair of the Firm's Women Expanding Business initiative. Prior to joining Murtha Cullina, Dena served as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Rhode Island Supreme Court, Frank J. Williams.

As the Chair of the Privacy and Cybersecurity group and a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) and Information Privacy Manager (CIPM), Dena provides the full complement of data breach coaching services to business and health care clients including breach notification to individuals and various government entities. Related to data breaches, she also counsels clients on the creation of information security, incident response plans and other proactive measures. Additionally, Dena advises clients on compliance with state, federal and international privacy laws including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) as well as many others. Dena has written extensively on privacy and cybersecurity issues and she is the Co-Editor of [Privacy and Cybersecurity Perspectives](#).

In her health care practice, Dena helps long term care providers, physician groups, federally qualified health centers, senior living communities and hospitals thrive in a challenging and ever-changing regulatory environment, providing strategic advice informed by a thorough understanding of each client's individual business objectives.

Dena handles a broad range of regulatory compliance issues for health care providers, including responses to government inspections, professional licensure actions, Medicare appeals, patient discrimination claims, probate court matters relating to decision making and Fair Housing issues, as well as risk management and day-to-day operational issues. With an extensive background in HIPAA, she also assists health care providers with HIPAA privacy and security compliance, policy development and implementation, training and service as a privacy officer.

A seasoned litigator as well, Dena brings to her work the perspective of a skilled advocate, and a keen understanding of the strategic challenges her clients may face in a litigation and pre-litigation context.

In 2015, Dena was appointed by the Governor to serve on the Office of State Ethics' Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board, of which she currently serves as the Chair. Dena received the 2016 Alumni Public Interest Champion of Justice Award from the Roger Williams University School of Law. She was also named a James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation in 2016. In addition to other awards and recognition, in 2011, Connecticut Magazine named Dena one of Connecticut's 40 Under 40 and the National LGBT Bar Association recognized her as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers under 40.

Dena currently serves on the steering committee of the Health Care Council of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce and the executive committee of the LGBT section of the Connecticut Bar Association. She is also the immediate past president of The CABO Foundation and was the founder of the state's LGBT chamber of commerce.

Dena is a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals, American Health Lawyers Association, the Health Law Section of the American Bar Association and the Connecticut Bar Association.



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BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS

Connecticut

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

Federal District Court, Connecticut

Federal District Court, Rhode Island

United States Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

United States Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit

EDUCATION

Roger Williams University School of Law, J.D., cum laude, 2002

Roger Williams University, B.S., summa cum laude, 1998

Recognition

- Alumni Public Interest Champion of Justice Award, Roger Williams University School of Law, January 2016
- James W. Cooper Fellow of the Connecticut Bar Foundation
- Holds an AV® Preeminent™ Peer Rating from Martindale-Hubbell
- Listed in The Best Lawyers in America® in the area of Privacy and Data Security Law
- New Leader in the Law, Connecticut Law Tribune, October 2013
- Rising Star, Business New Haven, September 2013
- The Dena M. Castricone Scholarship Fund established by CABO Foundation, 2012
- Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40, National LGBT Bar Association (affiliate of ABA), Class of 2011
- 40 Under 40, Connecticut Magazine, March 2011
- Women of High Achievement, Connecticut Law Tribune, September 2010
- Dorothy Award, New Haven Pride Center, February 2010

Seminars

- Dena M. Castricone and Brendan Hall, Stroz Friedberg, Cybersecurity and HIPAA Compliance, CT Association of Health Care Facilities, June 14, 2018
- *Threat Evaluation and Incident Response*, Murtha Cullina 3rd Annual Half-Day Cyber Security Conference, Quinnipiac School of Law, June 12, 2018
- Blockchain Use Cases in Health Care, CT Bar Association Legal Conference, June 11, 2018
- Risk Management, Anti-Discrimination Laws and Reporting in Assisted Living, CT Assisted Living Association (annual Supervisor of Assisted Living Clinical Services course), May 8, 2018
- Cyber Attacks and Data Breaches: The Insider Threat, Murtha Cullina's annual Labor and Employment Seminar, Trumbull, CT, March 23, 2018
- Cybersecurity Issues and Risk Management Strategies for Municipalities in the Northwest Hills, Northwest Hills Council on Governments, Goshen, CT, February 8, 2018
- *Mitigating Risks and Planning for and Responding to Data Breaches*, the CT Society of Eye Physicians' Scientific Programs and Technology Expo, June 9, 2017
- *Planning for and Responding to Data Breaches*, Murtha Cullina Half-Day Cyber Security Conference, Quinnipiac School of Law, June 7, 2017
- *Challenges and Triumphs of Creating a Culture of Acceptance: Balancing Fair Housing Act Requirements with Obligations to Ensure the Well-being of Residents*, Institute for Senior Living Education, March 16, 2017
- *The Impact of Electronic Medical Records on the Delivery of Healthcare: a clinical, security and legal perspective*, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Health Care Council, December 2, 2016
- *Best Practices: Addressing Resident Behaviors*, CT Association of Health Care Facilities, December 1, 2016
- *The Mega Rule: the revised nursing home regulations*, CT Association of Health Care Facilities with Heather Berchem, November 17, 2016
- *Best Practices: Admissions*, CT Association of Health Care Facilities, October 6, 2016
- *Best Practices: New Legislation, Case Law and Survey & Certification Memos*, CT Association of Health Care Facilities, September 21, 2016
- *Risk Management, Anti-Discrimination Laws and Reporting in Assisted Living*, CT Assisted Living Association (annual SALSA course), May 10, 2016

With more than 100 attorneys in six offices throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and New York, Murtha Cullina LLP offers a full range of legal services to meet the local, regional and national needs of our clients. Our practice encompasses litigation, regulatory and transactional representation of businesses, governmental units, non-profit organizations and individuals.

PRACTICE AND INDUSTRIES

Long-Term Care

Health Care

Privacy & Cybersecurity

MEMBERSHIPS

International Association of Privacy Professionals

Connecticut Bar Association
(Privacy and Cybersecurity, Health Care and LGBT sections)

Executive Committee Member,
LGBT section of the Connecticut
Bar Association

Rhode Island Bar Association

American Health Lawyers
Association

Steering Committee Member,
Health Care Council of the Greater
New Haven Chamber of Commerce

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