

Global Data Privacy Consulting

Delivering expertise that enables organizations to minimize, mitigate, and remediate data risks associated with global data privacy compliance obligations

The mounting availability, use, and reliance on personal data has sparked a global evolution in the data privacy legislative landscape. Organizations are increasingly subject to sweeping data privacy obligations and the need to improve digital trust, risking significant fines and the loss of consumer confidence for non-compliance. The enactment of new and evolving data privacy legislation is creating a profoundly complex regulatory landscape for organizations to navigate. Our data privacy professionals offer deep expertise and practical experience that enables organizations to minimize, mitigate, and remediate data risks associated with existing and emerging data privacy compliance obligations at the local, regional, and global levels.

Breakwater Data Privacy Experts

The Breakwater team of data privacy professionals are experts in data privacy transformation, improvement, and implementation across jurisdictions. We work with clients of all sizes and industries to create customized solutions that address an organization's unique data landscape and data risk profile. Our expertise adds significant value when an organization faces complicated data privacy obligations, requires assessment and improvement of data privacy program or technical solutions, or experiences an organizational change such as an acquisition or expansion into new geographies.

Breakwater's data privacy expertise includes:

Data Privacy Maturity Assessment

We work with clients to assess the current state of an organization's data privacy maturity and deliver workable and sustainable remediation in line with the client's risk posture, strategic growth plans, operating model, budget, and digital transformation priorities. Breakwater's team can be engaged remotely, in person, or through a hybrid delivery model. When beneficial to an engagement, we leverage Breakwater's cross-discipline expertise in cybersecurity, data governance, analytics, and data strategy as part of a maturity assessment.

Data Privacy Improvement and Implementation

Corporate strategic priorities, compliance obligations, and data risks continue to converge around data privacy, cybersecurity, and data governance. As a result, cost-effectiveness, resource management, and technical efficiency are increasingly pertinent to manage, mitigate, and remediate data risks derived from existing and future data protection legislation. Breakwater's data privacy experts work closely with client stakeholders to improve and implement data privacy program across a variety of governance models. Our experienced team works collaboratively with clients to improve and implement data privacy programs based on our clients' unique goals and objectives.

Data Privacy Technology Onboarding

Breakwater's data privacy technology experts work closely with clients to understand goals, pain points, and change management challenges related to data privacy technology. Whether selecting a new technology or enhancing an existing platform, we work with clients and technology implementation teams to (1) review technical solutions identified collaboratively with internal stakeholders, (2) identify focused and prioritized

and prioritized data privacy implementation modules, (3) participate in the technology procurement process, and (4) provide detailed review and recommendation. Our data privacy technology experts solely focus on our clients' unique challenges, and our approach is always technology-neutral and agnostic.

Data Privacy Strategy and Scenario Planning

In the increasingly complex mosaic of data privacy legislation, Breakwater's experts work closely with executive and senior-level client stakeholders to (1) review and enhance existing data privacy strategies, (2) calibrate short-term, medium-term, and long-term data privacy imperatives, (3) align data privacy strategies with broader cybersecurity and data governance strategies, (4) collaborate on contextual scenarios based on market focus, technical investment, resource priorities, and emerging risks, and (5) design tactical and workable scenarios with pragmatic workflows for future audits and investigations by third parties or regulators.

Data Privacy Due Diligence and Post-Acquisition Integration

Breakwater experts across data privacy, cybersecurity, data governance, and analytics work collaboratively with external counsel and private equity firms to deliver an integrated approach to due diligence and post-acquisition integration. Breakwater's cross-discipline professionals will (1) review existing documentation and conduct interviews with relevant stakeholders, (2) assess the current state and perform a gap analysis to regulator readiness, (3) design and execute on practical and sustainable remediation strategies, and (4) prepare a post-migration data defensibility binder in the event the integrity of legacy or migrated data is ever at issue.

Virtual Data Protection Officer as a Service (DPOaaS)

Breakwater's data privacy experts can support an organization's DPO or assume DPO responsibilities on an interim, fractional, or engagement-level basis. Breakwater's highly seasoned experts can fill the role of DPO for an interim period while working with the organization to identify and establish a permanent DPO. We also work with management teams to design a flexible DPO model that fits an organization's unique challenges and goals. This solution may include: (1) a data privacy strategy refresh, (2) budget and roadmap development, (3) board-level data privacy awareness and presentations, or (4) DPO mentoring to achieve defined goals.

Our Differentiators

- **Hybrid. Flexible. Agile.** Breakwater's data privacy experts customize solutions to suit an organization's strategic focus, operational priorities, and technical needs.
- **Thought Leaders. Collaborative Approach.** Breakwater's professionals bring global knowledge, deep subject matter expertise, and cultural sophistication to ensure program success and sustainability. Our extensive global network will provide a dedicated point of contact, backed by a team of deep data privacy subject matter experts, to preserve program continuity throughout an engagement, locally, regionally, and globally.

About Breakwater

Breakwater helps mitigate risk and gain insight from sprawling information by combining technology automation and human expertise. Our expert consulting, software, and managed services address the challenges within information governance, disputes and investigations, regulatory compliance, privacy, cybersecurity, and legal operations. Our solutions allow governance, legal, and risk professionals to locate, access, analyze, and manage information by making data transparent and actionable. Breakwater helps clients in public and private sectors mitigate risk, improve productivity, and increase profitability by transforming how they use data.