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### Securing Information Assets in an Insecure Mobile World

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#### Agenda

- Key factual differences when user-owned mobile devices attach to corporate networks
- Key security, privacy, and other legal challenges
- Strategies to manage legal risks
- Take aways



# Key factual differences

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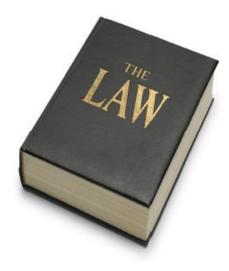
- Device is not company-owned
- Company might not establish nor maintain security settings on the device
- Company might not be exclusive provider of support services (e.g., third party access to data and device)
- Company may have less control over data (e.g., user uploads to cloud providers and other apps, and user may allow family or others to use the device)
- Employee privacy interests heightened by substantial personal information and userowned data
- Company may unintentionally invite users to bring highly personal (and perhaps harassing) content into the workplace



## Key legal challenges

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- Data security and breach notification\*
- Legal demands
  - Litigation holds and e-discovery
  - Internal investigations and government demands
- Record retention
- Trade secrets and intellectual property protections
- Harassment and employee claims
- Computer crimes and user privacy interests\*



#### Data security and breach notification

- Affirmative state data security laws (e.g., Massachusetts)
- State breach notification laws
- Privacy and related tort actions
- Consumer protection laws
- Industry-specific privacy regulations
- Contractual obligations
- Industry standards (e.g., PCI)
- Global (non-US) data security requirements



#### Computer crimes and user privacy interests

- Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, and exceeding authorized access\*
- Electronic Communications
  Privacy Act/ Wiretap Act\*
- Stored Communications Act\*
- State equivalents\*
- Privacy torts
- Global (non-US) data protection and privacy laws\*

NOTE that a "\*" denotes potential criminal penalties for non-compliance

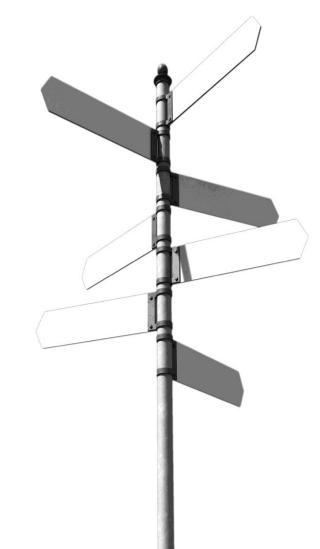


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#### "Big picture" options

- 1. Allow company-owned mobile devices only
- 2. Allow user-owned devices to connect to company networks, but entirely prohibit any downloads of company data
- Only allow company applications in secure container/sandbox on userowned devices
- 4. Adopt layered approach with different solutions for different user groups and company applications
- Plus, appropriate policies and procedures (next slide)



#### Policies and procedures



- Limit company systems that can be accessed via user-owned devices (risk-based approach)
- Apply all existing company policies to user-owned devices
- Obtain express consent to clear, conspicuous, and comprehensive privacy terms; if drafted properly, should "surprise" users and include provisions such as:
  - Remote access and/or wiping of all content
  - Prohibit upload of company data to "cloud" and third party storage
  - Require immediate notification of lost or stolen device
  - Require production of asset if e-discovery or legitimate demand
  - Require notification before third party servicing of device
- Push security policies that users cannot override (e.g., password complexity, auto wipe after X unsuccessful log-in attempts)
- Support user-owned devices via company security
- Confirm feasibility of security and monitoring policies and procedures in light of employee privacy interests and rights
- Establish internal guidelines for security and other managers on searching and managing user-owned devices



#### Take Aways

- 1. Employee-owned devices pose unique legal risks
- 2. Risk-based analysis of company applications required (e.g., some highly sensitive applications may not be suitable for access via user-owned assets)
- 3. Solutions to legal issues for company applications require balancing of: (i) data security and other obligations to protect company data against (ii) user privacy interests.
- 4. Solutions can be "layered" for different user groups and company systems
- 5. Apply company policies and procedures to userowned devices
- 6. Obtain clear, conspicuous, and comprehensive user consents
- Conduct meaningful training and ongoing review given ever-changing legal standards and security risks



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