



Katja Garvey

Co-Chair, Privacy + Data Security Practice

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Katja joined Kegler Brown in 2013, focusing predominantly in the firm's Corporate and M+A practices, providing legal due diligence expertise and offering creative and efficient strategies on complex domestic and cross-border deals, including mergers, acquisitions, dispositions, recapitalizations, and joint ventures. She is also an active member of the Global Business practice, focusing on the European market.

Privacy + Data Security

Katja works with businesses to help navigate the legal requirements related to privacy and data security, helping to reduce the risk of a data breach and efficiently structure the process of responding to a breach, in order to reduce their exposure to litigation and limit loss. She creates and reviews policies and processes, crafts and assesses training programs, and negotiates vendor and customer agreements. Katja also assists clients with creating and managing any necessary compliance with global privacy laws, including the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Corporate

Katja is well-versed in all aspects of business creation and preservation. She provides advice to growth-stage companies on numerous aspects of formation and organization, assisting clients with LLC creation, entity structuring and negotiating commercial agreements with national and international parties. Additionally, clients looking to buy or sell a business utilize Katja's counsel in mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and other transactions. She provides effective risk management analysis along with legal due diligence that streamlines and clarifies transactions.

Global Business

Katja's international roots and extensive business background have helped her establish a great deal of experience working with companies that have global operations. She advises international business clients on issues of U.S. law related to cross-border transactions, contract negotiation, entity selection and formation, as well as winding-down procedures.

In addition, Katja helps guide public and private university clients through the complex regulatory and funding process involved in global expansion. She works with educational leaders and university counsel to address the complex contractual, tax and regulatory

issues at play in a particular country or region, assisting them to develop and execute new market (entry) strategies, implement project development initiatives, and establish education support services or recruiting initiatives.

Professional Affiliations

- + International & Graduate Affairs Advisory Council, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, co-chair
- + Kegler Brown Women's Collaborative, co-chair
- + International Association of Young Lawyers (AIJA), member
- + International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), KnowledgeNet Co-Chair, Columbus Chapter
- + German-American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, member
- + Ohio State Bar Association, Advisory Council on Diversity Initiatives (ACDI) committee, member
- + Columbus Bar Association, International Lawyers Committee, member

Special Honors

- + Recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Ones To Watch, 2021
- + Selected to the 2017 Ohio Rising Star list by Super Lawyers

Languages

- + German

Bar Admissions

- + Ohio

Education

- + International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E, 2020)
- + The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (LL.M., 2012)
- + Juristische Fakultät (law school), Universität Passau (2011)
- + Capital University Law School (Study Abroad Program, 2007-2008)