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Franklin focuses his practice on data privacy, information security, software and data licensing, fintech, and emerging technologies. He is a former full stack engineer with experience in web application development and distributed computing. Prior to joining the firm, he was a technical lead and corporate counsel at New York-based fintech company PeerIQ.

Experience

The following is a selected sampling of matters and is provided for informational purposes only. Past success does not indicate the likelihood of success in any future matter.

Previous Professional Experience

- Corporate Counsel, New York-based fintech company (Sept. 2017–Feb. 2020)
 - Experience in emerging technologies (big data, machine learning, DevSecOps, cloud computing, continuous delivery and continuous deployment) at an early stage B2B fintech growth startup.
 - Commercial contracts (subscription terms for licensed data and software) for SaaS and DaaS products.
 - Corporate governance experience including issuing employee stock incentives (ISOs/NSOs) in compliance with IRC 409A; board resolutions and requests for shareholder consent in compliance with DGCL; and drafting/implementing corporate policies (document retention and related-party transactions).
 - General corporate legal operations including employment agreements surrounding IP (BYOD and open source contribution policy); real estate leasing/licensing; and tax compliance.

Externships/Clerkships

- Judicial Clerk to the Honorable David F. Bauman, Superior Court of New Jersey Presiding Judge – Criminal Division (Aug.

Education

Seton Hall University School of Law, JD
(2016)

- Senior Notes Editor, Seton Hall Legislative Journal
- Seton Hall Law Merit Scholarship recipient

New Jersey Institute of Technology, BA
(2013)

- Full University Scholarship recipient

Admissions

New York

New Jersey

Practice Areas

[Outsourcing & Managed Services](#)

[Cloud Computing, Licensing, & Transactions](#)

[FinTech](#)

[Corporate & Securities](#)

[Cybersecurity & Data Privacy](#)

Industries

[Advertising, Marketing, Sponsorship &](#)

2016–Aug. 2017)

Community

- CodeNation Mentor
- Hack It Together Mentor

[Promotions](#)

[Banking & Financial Services](#)

[Consumer Products & Retail](#)

Articles & Speeches

Insights

[Federal AI Civil Rights Bill Introduced to Guard Civil Liberties, Mitigate Algorithmic Bias, and Protect Livelihoods-](#)
Author (September 25, 2024)

[What US Companies Can Expect from the US-International Framework Convention on AI](#)- Author (September 17, 2024)

[AAPI Success—Debunking the Model Minority Myth](#), *Law.com*- Author (July 18, 2024)

[Presidential Transition and Cybersecurity Following the 2020 Data Breach](#)- Author (Dec. 23, 2020)

[The Executive Order and the 2020 Presidential Transition](#)- Author (Dec. 15, 2020)

Events/Speaking Engagements

TBA Business Law Forum 2023 - Co-Speaker (April 21, 2023)

Alerts

[Generative AI: A Roadmap for Use Cases](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (May 16, 2023)

[Recent Developments from Federal Regulators Regarding Use of Cloud Services](#), Additional Nelson Mullins Alerts (April 5, 2023)

[Obtaining Consent for Privacy Practices](#), Privacy & Data Security Alert (January 19, 2023)

Blogs

[Trump Administration Issues Guidance on Use, Deployment, and Procurement of AI](#), AI Task Force - Author (May 1, 2025)

[Governor Newsom Vetoes California AI Safety Bill and Announces New AI Initiatives](#), AI Task Force - Author (September 30, 2024)

[California Passes Leading AI Safety Bill, Awaits Governor Approval](#), AI Task Force - Author (September 24, 2024)

[What US Companies Can Expect from the US-International Framework Convention on AI](#), AI Task Force - Co-Author (September 17, 2024)