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Chamberlain Hrdlicka Launches Privacy and Data Security Practice

Houston, Texas – (October 20, 2020) – National law firm, <u>Chamberlain Hrdlicka</u>, continues to broaden its services with the recent launch of the <u>Privacy and Data Security Practice</u>.

The personal information companies accumulate has become a highly valuable – and increasingly risk-laden – business asset. As more countries introduce new data protection laws to regulate the collection, use, disclosure and security of personal information, many companies find it more and more challenging to navigate the myriad complex regulations in order to comply with their data privacy and security obligations. The rise in technology innovation combined with the rapid increase in cybersecurity threats poses concerns that Chamberlain Hrdlicka's new practice can address properly with their expert team of attorneys.

Aly Dossa, shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, has been appointed to lead the new practice, which will counsel clients on a wide range of privacy and protection issues, including: information handling; cross-border data transfers; data breaches and theft; global compliance obligations; workplace privacy; training programs; compliance audits; data privacy policies and programs; mobile and online privacy; cloud computing security; commercial transactions support, including M&A due diligence; and management of HIPAA and health care privacy issues.

"At Chamberlain Hrdlicka, we understand how data is captured, stored, transferred and monetized," said Dossa. "Thanks to our experience working with a vast range of clients, we are not only well-versed in the legal issues, but have a deep understanding of how data flows through systems and interfaces and how companies implement their technology."

"Leveraging our comprehensive, multidisciplinary legal and industry experience, we can identify and anticipate trends and risks in a cross-section of industries and provide forward-thinking, customized legal strategies to help our clients achieve compliance obligations; design and implement data governance systems, including risk mitigation; and quickly and compliantly respond to data breaches and other data-related incidents. Our practice will also assist our clients in managing preparedness in a proactive, cost-effective manner — despite an incredibly dynamic regulatory landscape," added Dossa.

Larry Campagna, Managing Shareholder of the firm, expressed how important this practice has become for clients: "When I was a young lawyer, we fought a fifteen year war in the federal courts to force the IRS to pay the largest settlement ever for the mishandling of confidential taxpayer data. Now, many private companies have realized that they face similar risks. Aly and his team will help our clients follow best practices in how they handle data, how they protect sensitive information, and how they can comply with the evolving rules in various jurisdictions."

In the event of data breaches or alleged improper use of data, the new practice will provide swift, effective incident response and represent clients from initial event through government investigations and litigation, if necessary. The group will offer a wide range of privacy and protection issues, including:

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<u>Chamberlain Hrdlicka</u> is a diversified business law firm with offices in Atlanta, Houston, Philadelphia and San Antonio. The firm represents both public and private companies as well as individuals and family-owned businesses across the nation. In addition to commercial and business litigation, the firm has expertise in tax planning and tax controversy, corporate law, securities and finance, employment law, employee benefits/ERISA, energy law, estate planning and administration, intellectual property, international and immigration law, real estate, and construction law.

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