

## Lucy Porter

Counsel

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Lucy Porter's practice focuses on advising clients in a variety of matters related to the structuring and negotiating of services agreements for business process and information technology outsourcing and managed services. Lucy works with clients to develop and implement data privacy solutions that are compliant with global regulations. She has experience working across organizations, including compliance, HR, security, IT, and legal, to ensure that data privacy solutions are tailored to the client's needs. Lucy also has experience in advising clients with the protection, maintenance, licensing and transfer of intellectual property assets, as well as in the prosecution and management of trademark portfolios. She has worked on United States and international patent clearance, prosecution and enforcement, and counsels clients on the protection of intellectual property assets in acquisitions. She advises clients in the energy, oilfield, chemical processing, petrochemicals, gas and biotechnology industries.

During law school, Lucy held an internship with U.S. Magistrate Judge Frances Stacy of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas. Lucy was awarded a 2011-2012 Houston Intellectual Property Law Association (HIPLA) Intellectual Property Law Scholarship.

Prior to joining the legal profession, Lucy was employed as a process engineer at Dow Chemical Company, where she brought process engineering knowledge to assist in the process equipment design for plant expansion projects and grass roots production facilities with experience in waste reduction. She also led an international team involved in the design of an education and training program for newly hired engineers.

### **Industries**

[Energy](#)

### **Practices**

[Data Security & Privacy](#)

[Technology Transactions](#)

[Patents](#)

## Experience

### Syntrix Biosystems Inc.

- Syntrix Biosystems Inc. v. Illumina Inc. Represented the client, a biotechnology research firm, in a patent suit against Illumina in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington. Syntrix first filed the suit in November 2010, alleging that DNA- and RNA-analyzing products made and sold by Illumina infringed U.S. Patent 6,951,682. After an 11 day jury trial, the court awarded Syntrix \$95,795,507 in damages and a 6 percent royalty rate. Verdict awarded *National Law Journal* Top 100 Verdicts of 2013

### Leading US airline

- structuring and negotiating outsourcing transactions for IT Services, including application development and maintenance

### Leading retailer

- structuring and negotiating an outsourcing transaction for IT services

### Oil and gas exploration and production company

- advise on cyber preparedness matters, including an incident response plan and information security policy

### Independent energy company

- provide guidance on compliance with the international data privacy regulations and revising related contracts

### Public utility

- provide analysis and guidance of applicability of international data privacy laws in relationship with third-party vendors

### Waste and environmental services company

- conducted a multistate survey of privacy laws for requirements related to use of certain tools and applications and advised on the implementation of new tools for compliance with federal and state data privacy regulations

### Chemical manufacturing company

- reviewed existing distribution agreement and advised on questions related to state, federal and international data privacy regulations

### Social website

- advised on a privacy policy that complied with state regulations

## **Compounding pharmacy and 503B registered outsourcing facility**

- help to implement a data privacy compliance program that complies with federal and state regulations

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## **Credentials**

### **Education**

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 2012, *cum laude*
- Northwestern University, B.S., Chemical Engineering, 2005

### **Bar Admissions**

- Texas
- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

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## **Recognition**

### ***Chambers USA***

- Texas Technology: Outsourcing, 2022 – 2023

### ***The Legal 500 United States***

- Media, Technology and Telecoms: Outsourcing, 2020 – 2021, 2023 – 2025

### **BL Ranking**

- *Best Lawyers*, Ones to Watch, Intellectual Property Law, 2023 – 2025

### **U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas**

- Intern

### **University of Houston Law Center**

- *Houston Law Review*, Notes & Comments Editor

### **ICC International Commercial Mediation Competition**

- Best Creative Solution Generation Award, 2012 – 2012

## Resources

### **Navigating Domestic and Cross-Border Data Privacy Risks With Lucy Tyson and Brittney Justice**

Podcast

### **Cybersecurity, Data Privacy and Sanctions Developments**

Video

### **China's New Data Privacy Law Is Sweeping and Serious: Avoid the High Cost of Noncompliance**

Update

### **President Biden Signs Executive Order that Likely Will Lead to Greater Scrutiny of Data Privacy in Corporate Transactions**

Update

### **2021 Year-in-Review – U.S. State Privacy Legislation**

Update

### **Colorado Privacy Act: New Protections for Consumers in the Centennial State**

Update

### **Virginia Is For [Data Privacy] Lovers: Introduction to Virginia's New Consumer Protection Law**

Update

### **UAE Law Regarding the Protection of Personal Data**

Update

### **CPRA Countdown: It's Time to Brush Up on California's Latest Data Privacy Law**

Update

### **Federal Privacy Legislation – Is it Finally Happening?**

Update

### **Now There Are 10: The Texas Data Privacy and Security Act**

Update

### **Are You Ready For the Texas Data Privacy and Security Act?**

Update

## **How Meta's \$1.4 Billion Settlement Impacts Your Obligations Under the Texas Capture or Use of Biometric Identifier Act**

Update

## **Privacy Developments to Watch in 2025**

Article

## **In the Crosshairs of Cybercriminals – Houston's Infrastructure Industries Are Under Attack**

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## **Publications & Speeches**

- "In the Crosshairs of Cybercriminals – Houston's Infrastructure Industries Are Under Attack," *The Houston Lawyer*, March/April 2025.
- "Privacy Developments to Watch in 2025," *The Texas Lawbook*, February 4, 2025.
- "Privacy Comes to Texas," ACC Houston IP Practice Group CLE, January 11, 2024.
- "Cybersecurity and Privacy: Risks and Rewards Across the World," American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Annual Meeting, October 2022.