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Dean M. Nickles is a member of the Investigations and Regulatory Enforcement Practice, with a focus on cybersecurity and data privacy. He advises global companies and individual clients with respect to internal and government investigations, regulatory compliance and enforcement matters and civil litigation.

Mr. Nickles has represented clients in numerous sensitive matters, including matters concerning cybersecurity, digital assets, securities fraud, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and commercial arbitration. His representations have spanned a wide range of clients in industries including banking, energy, financial services, fintech, gaming, healthcare, metals and mining, shipping and technology. Mr. Nickles has represented clients in matters before a number of enforcement agencies, including the Department of Justice; the Securities and Exchange Commission; the Commodity Futures Trading Commission; the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; the

Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights; the New York State Department of Financial Services; and numerous state attorneys general.

Mr. Nickles regularly advises clients on cybersecurity and data privacy issues. His representations include providing clients with disclosure and compliance advice related to cybersecurity and data privacy and counseling companies on various matters throughout the life cycle of a cyber incident, including revisions to cybersecurity policies and procedures, management of and response to incidents, breach notification and disclosure issues and related civil litigation.

Mr. Nickles was also part of the Cravath team that won a U.S. Supreme Court decision holding that a copyright owner may recover damages under the Copyright Act for any timely filed infringement claim, regardless of when the infringement occurred.

Mr. Nickles received a B.A. *magna cum laude* in History from Villanova University in 2013 and a J.D. *summa cum laude* from Notre Dame Law School in 2016, where he received the Hoynes Prize and was the Managing Online Editor of the *Law Review* and the Chair of the Honor Council. After graduating from law school, Mr. Nickles served as a law clerk to Hon. Richard C. Wesley of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and to Hon. Karen LeCraft Henderson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Mr. Nickles was a summer associate at Cravath in 2015 and rejoined the Firm as an associate in 2016 and again in 2021 following his clerkships. He was named of counsel in 2024.

EDUCATION

- J.D., 2016, University of Notre Dame Law School
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- B.A., 2013, Villanova University
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CLERKSHIPS

- Hon. Karen LeCraft Henderson, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
- Hon. Richard C. Wesley, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

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