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Dakota Coates is an attorney in Ice Miller's Litigation, White Collar Crime/Internal Investigations, and Data, Security, & Privacy Groups.

Dakota counsels national and international clients on various data security and privacy regulatory compliance matters as well as advising clients on data and technology related vendor agreements. Dakota's experience includes litigation and internal investigations on high-stakes matters in a variety of industries: health care, utilities, academic institutions, publicly traded companies, supply chain distribution, and sports betting. Dakota's practice also includes internal investigations into whistle blower complaints, ethics reports, and other unlawful or improper conduct.

Dakota has also assisted higher education clients with implementing standard operating procedures and policies across an array of areas, including: active threats, bomb threats, emergency planning and response, and student misconduct.

Dakota graduated, *magna cum laude*, from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law with a minor in education policy. While in law school, he served as vice president of the Student Bar Association. Additionally, he was president, vice president, and a Maurer representative for Indiana University's Graduate and Professional Student Government. Dakota also served as the Chairman of the IU All University Student Association, where he worked with the IU Student Trustee to advise the IU Board of Trustees on student affairs issues. Throughout these roles, Dakota was heavily involved in the redrafting of IU Bloomington's Title IX policies, the creation of an array of COVID-19 procedures, revising student health and wellness programming, and promoting student rights. Dakota was a key player in the expansion of Indiana University's food security initiatives, including being a co-founder of the Emergency Meal Project, which has provided thousands of free meals to food insecure students and their families in the Bloomington area.

During law school, Dakota was also active in the Sherman Minton and Philip C. Jessup Moot Court competitions, and he continues to serve as a judge for various Moot Court competitions.

Prior to joining Ice Miller, Dakota was a research extern for the Indiana Legislative Services Agency where he assisted with the legislative drafting and review process. Additionally, he served as a research assistant to a multi-discipline collection of faculty

Services & Industries

- Commercial Litigation
- Compliance Programs
- Data Security & Privacy Services for Higher Education
- Election Security
- Government Investigations, Compliance Issues & Litigation in Health Care
- HIPAA Privacy & Security
- Information Technology & Software Disputes
- Internet, Technology & Social Media
- Litigation
- Tech, Privacy & Cyber Risk
- Trade Enforcement & Compliance
- White Collar Defense & Investigations

across IU's campus, performing research on an array of fields including corporate/political ethics, higher education due process law, Title IX, judicial independence, cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.

Dakota graduated, with distinction, from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business with a Bachelor of Science in Business in information systems and law, ethics and decision making, as well as a minor in political science. During his undergrad, Dakota served as the President and Vice President of Internal Affairs for the Residence Hall Association, where he lead the process to reorient the student activity fee and advised Residential Program & Services Leadership on matters related to sustainability, international student housing, and more.

Outside the office, Dakota is heavily involved in food security efforts throughout Indiana and is an ardent advocate of expanding the state's first-generation college student support programs. His interests also include film criticism, musicals, event planning, teaching, and politics.

Education

- Indiana University Kelley School of Business (B.S., 2018)
 - Business
- Indiana University Maurer School of Law (J.D., 2021)

Admissions

- Indiana
- United States District Court - Northern District of Indiana
- United States District Court - Southern District of Indiana
- United States Court of International Trade

Professional Affiliations

- Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity
- The Federalist Society
- Indiana University Alumni Association
- Indiana Leadership Forum

Awards & Honors

- Indiana Leadership Forum, Class of 2023
- LEAD Indianapolis, 2023
- Order of the Coif, 2021
- Order of the Barrister, 2021
- Sherman Minton Moot Court Champion, 2019

Community Involvement

Current Memberships

- Treasurer, Hancock County Young Republicans
- President, Board Member, Hancock County Center Township Advisory Board
- President, Board Member, Hancock County Center Township Board of Finance
- Board Member, Kelley School of Business - Business Law and Ethics Board of Advisors

- Communications Director, Hancock County GOP

Former Memberships

- Secretary, Board Member, Hancock County Center Township Advisory Board, 2025-2026
- Secretary, Board Member, Hancock County Center Township Board of Finance, 2025-2026
- Chair, IU All University Student Association, 2020-2021
- Member, IU Cabinet of Student Leaders, 2017-2018 and 2020-2021
- Member, Maurer School of Law Dean's Advisory Council, 2018-2020
- Student Representative, IU University Faculty Council, 2019-2021
- Student Representative, IU Bloomington Faculty Council, 2020-2021
- Student Representative, IU Graduate Faculty Council, 2020-2021

Published In

- "Artificial Intelligence Governance and Policy: A Practical Guide to Identifying, Understanding, and Mitigating Legal Risks Associated with AI," *Leading Legal Disruption: Artificial Intelligence and a Toolkit for Lawyers and the Law*, 353, 2021
- S. Bose & D. Coates, "Data Breach Risks & Best Practices for Small and Mid-Size Healthcare Providers (2023 Update)," State Bar of Mich. Health Care L. Sec., Sept. 18, 2023

Thought Leadership

September 29, 2025

University Business | Risk Management Practices to Secure the Future

University Business

October 8, 2024

Can You Hear Me Now? Recent Enforcement Activity Against Telecom Demonstrates Importance of Robust Cybersecurity and Data Governance

December 15, 2022

Increasingly Active FTC Pursues Steep Penalties for Data Security and Privacy Practices

August 12, 2022

FTC Announces Potential Rulemaking Targeting Mass Commercial Surveillance and Lax Data Security Practices

May 23, 2022

Ice Miller Cybersecurity Law Snapshot: Settlement in Cybersecurity-Related False Claims Act Case, Europe Releases Hardened Directives, and CISA Warns of Looming Cyberattacks

April 11, 2022

Ice Miller Cybersecurity Law Snapshot: New Disclosure Rules on the Horizon and the White House Warns of Potentially Imminent Russian Cyberattacks

March 22, 2022

Ice Miller Cybersecurity Law Snapshot: Biden Signs into Law Critical Infrastructure Ransomware Payment and Cyber Incident Reporting

March 10, 2022

White House Coordinates Big Picture Conceptual Strategy to Address Digital Assets

March 7, 2022

Ice Miller Cybersecurity Law Snapshot: Russian Aggression Heightens Cybercrime Alert Level

March 2, 2022

U.S. Imposes Broad Sanctions on Russia in Response to Ukraine Attacks

February 22, 2022

Ice Miller Cybersecurity Law Snapshot: February's Federal Regulatory Rollout

February 22, 2022

U.S. Prepares Sanctions to Respond to Russia's Actions Toward Ukraine

February 7, 2022

Ice Miller Cybersecurity Law Snapshot: Cybersecurity-Related FCA Case, Small Business Cybersecurity Bill & NDAA's Nod to Voluntary Incident Reporting

January 24, 2022

Ice Miller Cybersecurity Law Snapshot: New Year, Nuanced Approaches to Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities

Speaking Engagements

- "Tech, Privacy, and Cybersecurity Survey – A Year in Review, and Setting up For Future Risks," Ice Miller Annual CLE Forum. November 8, 2024
- "Artificial Intelligence in the Courtroom: Practical Considerations for Judges and Clerks," Ice Miller CLE Presentation for Judges and Clerks, October 17, 2024
- "Artificial Intelligence: How Can Local Governments Use AI In Community With the General Public and Everyday Communications," Association of Indiana Counties Institute for Excellence, June 10, 2024
- "Controlling Third Party Risks and Complying With New SEC Cybersecurity Reporting Requirements," Indiana CISO ExecNet, December 6, 2023
- "Demystifying AI: From Sci-Fi to Reality," 2023 CLE for In-House Counsel, November & December 2023
- "Legal and Ethical Issues: Technology in the Workplace," Kelley School of Business, September 11, 2023
- "Artificial Intelligence: Recent Trends in the AI Arena," Indiana CISO ExecNet, June 5, 2023
- "Coming Down the Pipe: Pipeline Cybersecurity Compliance for Operators," 2022 Indiana Chamber Conference on Energy Management, July 26, 2022