

Kathleen Benway

Partner

Kathleen Benway brings a wealth of regulatory, legislative and enforcement experience in privacy, data security, advertising and other areas of consumer protection law. She joined WBK in December from the Federal Trade Commission where she spent more than a dozen years, most recently serving as Chief of Staff of the Bureau of Consumer Protection (BCP). In that role, Ms. Benway advised the BCP director on issues related to case development, and policy and regulatory initiatives across all BCP subject matter areas including privacy and data security, advertising, and financial practices.

Prior to serving as BCP Chief of Staff, Ms. Benway was Attorney Advisor to FTC Commissioner Julie Brill, and Counsel to former BCP Directors, David Vladeck and Jessica Rich. In those roles, she provided legal and policy advice across a wide range of investigations and litigation, rulemaking and other matters within the FTC's consumer protection jurisdiction. Ms. Benway also led investigations and litigated enforcement actions in BCP's Division of Privacy and Identity Protection (DPIP) and Division of Marketing Practices (DMP).

Ms. Benway also served two details as Counsel to the United States Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, where she assisted in investigations and provided expertise and advice to Senators, staff and other stakeholders on proposed legislation and policy issues relating to matters within the FTC's jurisdiction. Additionally, she previously served as an Assistant Chief in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau.

Before entering government service, Ms. Benway spent six years in private practice representing corporate clients in litigation and counseling matters involving consumer protection, antitrust and brand integrity issues.

Ms. Benway is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) with the International Association of Privacy Professionals.



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B.S., Biology, cum laude, Northeastern University, 1984

PRACTICE AREAS

Enforcement
FTC & Consumer Protection
Privacy, Data Protection & Cybersecurity