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Overview

Corban Rhodes is a seasoned litigator who has recovered more than a billion dollars for consumers and investors in some of the country's largest and most historic cybersecurity, data privacy and securities fraud cases. Working at the intersection of law and technology, Corban focuses on cases that involve the intentional misuse or misappropriation of consumer data and data breaches.

Corban led DiCello Levitt's trial team in a landmark consumer protection victory against Meta Platforms Inc., securing a record $25 billion judgment on behalf of the State of New Mexico—the largest commercial judgment in U.S. history. The judgment followed a historic jury verdict finding nearly 44 million willful violations of New Mexico's consumer protection law, the most ever found by an American jury. The case also marked the first and only jury verdict holding Meta accountable for the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

As co-lead plaintiffs' counsel in the *Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation* matter, Corban helped secure a landmark $650 million settlement, in one of the first cases asserting consumers' biometric privacy rights under Illinois law. He has litigated cases of negligence or malfeasance leading to data breaches, including a class action against Yahoo for one of the largest known data breaches in history that affected nearly 3 billion consumers. Continuing his groundbreaking work at this critical moment for privacy rights and the law, he currently represents consumers in pivotal web browser privacy cases, including the *Calhoun v. Google* and *Google RTB Consumer Privacy Litigation* matters.

Corban also prosecutes complex securities fraud cases on behalf of institutional investors, representing both large public pension funds and individual investors. He successfully resolved dozens of cases against some of the largest Wall Street banks in the wake of the mortgage-backed securities financial crisis. His work in securities fraud cases has held companies

accountable to investors for fraud and market manipulation in the banking, pharmaceutical, and manufacturing sectors in some of the largest securities class actions of the last decade.

Corban has been recognized by *Law360* as a Rising Star and one of five attorneys on its Top Attorneys Under 40 for Consumer Protection. He was also named by *Benchmark Litigation* as a Future Star and on its New York 40 Under 40 list and by *Super Lawyers* as a New York Rising Star, and he received a Thurgood Marshall Award for his pro bono representation of a death row inmate appealing from capital punishment. He is an active member of the Sedona Conference Working Group 11 on Data Security and Privacy Liability, and sits on the *Law360* Cybersecurity & Privacy Editorial Board. He is a regular speaker and writer on issues related to protecting the rights of the individual against corporate malfeasance.

Practice Areas

CLASS ACTION LITIGATION

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION

PRIVACY, TECHNOLOGY, AND CYBERSECURITY

SECURITIES AND FINANCIAL PRODUCTS LITIGATION

Education

Fordham University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*

Boston College, B.A., History, *magna cum laude*

Representative Matters

State of New Mexico v. Meta Platforms Inc. (formerly Facebook), No. D-101-CV-2021-00132 (N.M. First Jud. Dist. Ct.), Corban led DiCello Levitt's trial team in securing a historic $25 billion judgment against Meta, the largest commercial judgment in U.S. history, following a jury verdict finding nearly 44 million willful violations of New Mexico's consumer protection law arising from the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

Kurowski v. Rush System for Health, No. 22 Civ. 5380 (MFK), Corban represents hospital patients suing for violation of their privacy when their health data was allegedly sent to third parties for marketing purposes.

In re Facebook Biometric Information Privacy Litigation, co-lead counsel who secured a landmark $650 million privacy settlement on behalf of consumers alleging Facebook violated the Illinois Biometric Privacy Law.

In re Google RTB Consumer Privacy Litigation, representing consumers alleging Google breaches its contractual promise not to sell users' personal information billions of times every day by rebroadcasting data during real time bidding auctions, exposing it to potential ad buyers and participants surveilling the auctions with no intent to purchase ads.

Calhoun, et al. v. Google, litigating privacy action brought by Google Chrome customers whose PII was collected while "unsynced" with any Google account in violation of contractual promises.

In re Yahoo! Inc. Customer Data Breach Security Litigation, secured a $117.5 million settlement on behalf of approximately 194 million class members alleging multiple data breaches over five years, each of which Yahoo failed to timely disclose.

Awards & Honors

Litigator of the Week, ***American Lawyer*** (2026)

New York Future Star, ***Benchmark Litigation*** (2023-2026)

500 Leading Global Cyber Lawyers, ***Lawdragon*** (2025)

New York 40 Under 40 List, ***Benchmark Litigation*** (2023-2025)

Legal Lions of the Week, ***Law360*** (August 2024, October 2, 2026, and October 23, 2026)

Cybersecurity & Privacy Editorial Advisory Board, ***Law360*** (2023)

New York Rising Star, ***Super Lawyers*** (2015-2022)

Rising Star, ***Law360*** (2018)

Top Attorneys Under 40 for Consumer Protection, ***Law360*** (2018)

Thurgood Marshall Award (2008)

Publications & Presentations

Publications

Contributor, "Arguing Class Actions: Quality vs. Quantity—The Debate Over Reasonable Attorney Fees," *National Law Journal*, September 2024

Author, "Emulex Highlights Greater Scrutiny Of Issues At High Court," *Law360*, April 25, 2019

Author, "Efforts to Protect Consumer Data Face Corporate Pushback", *Law.com*, October 12, 2017

"Efforts to Protect Consumer Data Face Corporate Pushback," *New York Law Journal*, October 12, 2017

Media

Quoted, "How Many Billions Would It Take to Hold Meta Accountable?" *Wired*, October 23, 2026

Featured, "Litigators of the Week: Sending a $25 Billion Message to Meta," *Law.com*, October 23, 2026

Quoted, "Meta's $25 Billion Penalty Is Massive Win for AG in Small State," *Bloomberg*, October 21, 2026

Presentations

Panelist, "Exploring Greater Efficiencies in Data Breach and Privacy Class Action Litigation," The Sedona Conference Working Group 11 Annual Meeting, May 2023

Panelist, "Children's Data Privacy," The Sedona Conference Working Group 11 Annual Meeting, May 2023

Guest Speaker, Bite-Sized Business Law Podcast, Fordham Corporate Law Center, "Surveillance Capitalism" Episode, April 18, 2023

Speaker, "Biometrics: New Technologies and Recent Privacy Developments," Interface Webinar, August 2022

Panelist, "Facial Recognition: Legislation, Litigation, and Challenges," Bar Association of San Francisco Webinar, May 25, 2022

"Consumer Data Privacy Legislation: Who's Stepping Back and Who's Stepping Up," Practicing Law Institute, May 25, 2017

Admissions & Memberships

Bar Admissions

New York

Court Admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit

U.S. District Court, Central District of California

U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Memberships

New York City Bar Association, Securities Litigation Committee (2017-18)