

ADPP (The Arena for Data Protection Professionals), has announced some important appointments to the Advisory Board.

The mission of ADPP is to facilitate the growth and learning of Data Professionals by providing virtual and in-person networking opportunities to share their thoughts, challenges and triumphs and where they may learn about the most important and recent issues affecting their industry, profession, and organizations.

The Advisory Board is made up of experienced experts in the field of data protection, privacy and cybersecurity. Our experts lend their critical thinking, skill and knowledge to ADPP. The Board assists ADPP management in staying current with industry and environmental trends and regulations, and offers insight and advice that helps ADPP grow and achieve its goals and objectives. The Board can offer input regarding ADPP strategic direction, program initiatives, and exploration of new business ideas and acts as a network and resource, and when appropriate may provide content expertise for programs and services offered by ADPP.

Today we are announcing 2 new appointments to the Advisory Board

Malcolm Dowden is a lawyer in the Global Data Privacy, Cybersecurity and Digital Assets team at Squire Patton Boggs, the renowned global law firm ranked in the Elite Top 20 by Global Data Review 2023. Malcolm is a commercial and regulatory lawyer with extensive experience of contractual regulatory and legislative drafting in the UK and other common law jurisdictions.

Malcolm has a particular focus on planning and implementing cross-border data and privacy law compliance strategies. His experience covers EU GDPR, UK GDPR and (through liaison with local counsel) Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), Singapore, Kenya, South Africa and India. He also regularly advises businesses and government bodies on the contractual, technical and organisational measures required to support international transfers of personal data following the European Court of Justice (ECJ) ruling in *Schrems II*.

Tara Cho is a Partner at Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP and is Chair of Privacy and Cybersecurity practice at this AmLaw100, transatlantic law firm.

Tara is a board-certified specialist in Privacy and Information Security Law, assisting clients with data security design and assessments, contracting, breach response, and other privacy and data security compliance needs across industry sectors, such as retail, finance, technology/software development, healthcare / health tech and life sciences. Tara also counsels clients in commercial transactions involving data assets, use rights and international data transfers and data privacy matters throughout the data life cycle. Tara became certified as a legal specialist in Privacy and Information Security Law by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization in 2018 as part of the inaugural class of specialists in this field. She is also recognized by the IAPP as a certified information privacy professional for both the U.S. (CIPP/US) and Europe (CIPP/E).

Tara provides guidance on matters related to the CCPA, CPRA, HIPAA, COPPA, CAN-SPAM, and other state and federal privacy, security and data breach laws in the U.S. She also advises clients on the EU and UK GDPR and related requirements of European data protection laws.

Penny Heyes of ADPP said today, “Malcolm has been a great support and advocate for ADPP over the last couple of years and we are delighted to invite him to join the board bringing with him his wisdom and experience. Tara brings an enthusiasm and in depth understanding for both the regulatory and commercial side of data privacy and cyber that is invaluable to our members”

Both will be involved in upcoming webinars and events run by ADPP

BACKGROUND

ADPP (The Arena for Data Protection Professionals) digitalarena.co is “a global peer to peer community” that is based in the United Kingdom and some EU countries, was established to provide support to anyone dealing with data in an organization, including data protection officers, compliance leaders, chief technology officers, chief



information security officers, marketing communications leaders, customer service managers, and chief information officers.

ADPP offers these professionals guidance on topical issues surrounding Cyber and Data Protection, including regulatory, a curated news feed and a discussion forum to discuss industry experiences and challenges plus technology product selection. ADPP holds regular networking meetings where panel members are brought together to discuss topical issues and members can socialize with their fellow professionals.

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