

VLP Partner Melissa Krasnow Quoted in Twin Cities Business Article “Trump's Legal Shadow”

VLP Partner Melissa Krasnow was quoted in the *Twin Cities Business* Article “Trump's Legal Shadow.”

The article reported that, when Donald Trump won the presidential race, many business people cheered cautiously. Mr. Trump’s early appointments and executive orders indicated lighter regulatory burdens to come in the realms of work rules and the environment, which many businesses sought.

The article noted, however, that attorneys say it’s unclear how far Trump will go to overhaul immigration, labor and environmental laws that affect Minnesota businesses.

The article went on to report on the many issues in play that could be unresolved for months and years, noting what businesses may expect for laws and regulations on employment, the environment, immigration, data privacy and intellectual property.

Ms. Krasnow was asked about recent issues involving data protection. In April, President Trump signed a congressional resolution of disapproval regarding the FCC’s broadband consumer privacy regulations, which required internet service providers (ISPs) to obtain affirmative opt-in consent from consumers to use and share sensitive information. While that federal-level action attracted much attention, Ms. Krasnow said, “My eye is really on the state attorneys general.”

Ms. Krasnow noted that there are a number of state and federal laws that govern privacy. Since Trump’s inauguration, a number of state attorneys general “have been enforcing privacy and data security,” notably those in New York and California. Like nearly all states, Minnesota requires businesses to contact customers if they suffer a data breach.

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