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# Data Breach Lawsuits: What To Do If Your Data Is Stolen

**A GUIDE**

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# What Is a Data Breach?

The rise of the internet has transformed our society, but with all of the benefits it's brought about, it also comes with its share of concerns.

As our culture places a bigger and bigger emphasis on the internet, cybercriminals find more opportunities to steal people's data. They can steal your information directly, or they can take it from businesses you've patronized. If you've worked with a business that lost your data due to their own cybersecurity negligence, you could be owed compensation; and Morgan & Morgan can help you get it in full.

**The victims of identity theft and inaccurate credit Here are some factors that can increase your risk for a data breach:**

- Relying on out-of-date privacy software
- Using weak passwords
- Downloading attachments from unverified senders
- Visiting suspicious websites







# What Is a Data Breach?

**Cybercrime can happen to anyone, from small businesses to large corporations to everyday consumers.**

Unfortunately, that means any vendor you do business with is, to some degree, susceptible to a cybersecurity attack. If the company doesn't take their cybersecurity practices seriously enough, your data could be at risk.

**Cybercriminals might attempt to access your:**

- Personal information (name, address, phone number)
- Financial information (bank accounts, credit cards)
- Internet information (usernames, passwords, email addresses)
- Identity (Social Security number)

Although we continue to see new legislation that guides businesses toward stronger cybersecurity practices, everyone should know what to do if their online privacy has been breached — and how to reduce the risk of it happening again

# What to Do If Your Data Has Been Compromised

As strong as your password may be, there's no combination of characters that can't be cracked. Though there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of losing your data, there's really only so much you can do to protect yourself with these precautions; once you give your information to a business, its safety is in their hands. Even the biggest and most trustworthy businesses aren't immune to hacking, but reputable vendors make cybersecurity a priority.

If your data has been compromised, don't waste any time before taking action. You never know what cybercriminals might do with your information — like make purchases, open credit cards, or even steal your tax refund — so talk to a data breach attorney as soon as you can. Your lawyer may be able to help you recover your financial losses as well as other damages for your hardship. You should also talk to financial institutions like your bank and credit card company to let them know there's been a breach.

## How to Protect Yourself After a Data Breach

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# Notable Data Breach Cases

Led by award-winning attorney John A. Yanchunis, Morgan & Morgan has litigated numerous major data breach cases. They include:

- **Yahoo:** Yahoo failed to protect the email addresses, passwords, names, usernames, phone numbers, and other sensitive information of all 3 billion users. In response, our law firm filed the largest-ever class action lawsuit to hold the web service provider accountable.
- **Capital One:** A hacker stole the bank account numbers, social security numbers, credit card information, and other private information of more than 100 million Capital One customers. Morgan & Morgan filed a class action lawsuit against the bank in response to the data breach.
- **Equifax:** Negligent cybersecurity measures led to 143 million Americans' personal data being exposed. The Equifax data breach revealed highly sensitive personal information including names, social security numbers, birth dates, and addresses.
- **MGM Grand:** As many as 152 million MGM Grand guests had their phone numbers, addresses, and other personal data stolen.







# Introducing John Yachunis

Led by award-winning attorney John A. Yachunis, Morgan & Morgan has litigated numerous major data breach cases. They include:

- The prestigious “AV” rating, awarded to those who embody the highest level of excellence in the legal profession
- Leader in Cybersecurity at the Law360 MVP Awards
- Florida Super Lawyer (on numerous occasions)
- Chair’s Honor Award from the Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar

If you were the victim of a data breach, Mr. Yachunis and his team of highly-skilled litigators may be able to help.





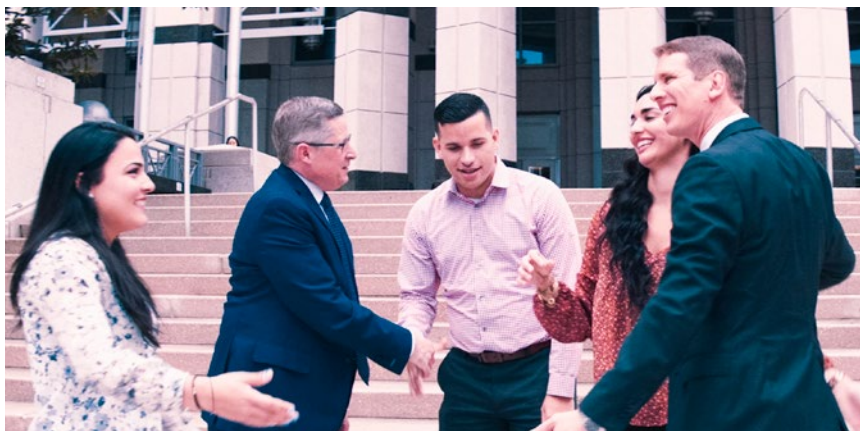
# Why You Should Work with Morgan & Morgan

All law firms are not the same. Since opening our doors in 1988, we have won over \$7 billion for our clients across practice areas. Our team has grown to more than 600 attorneys and thousands of support staff nationwide.

When you work with Morgan & Morgan, you can rest assured that we have the resources and know-how to get the best results in your case. Our track record handling major data breach cases, from Yahoo to Equifax, is proof of that.

Our law firm employs some of the brightest legal minds in the world, including award-winning attorney John Yanchunis. Together, we have won millions for data breach victims.

What's more, it costs nothing to hire us. The consultation is always free, and we get paid only if we win your case. There are no upfront costs, and there's no risk to you.





# Practice Areas



Accidents



Birth Injuries



Brain Injuries



Breach of  
Warranty



Burn & Fire  
Injuries



Business  
Litigation



Business  
Interruption  
Claims



Car, Truck and  
Motorcycle



Child Sexual  
Abuse



Civil Rights



Class Actions &  
Mass Torts



Construction  
Accidents



Deaf & Disability  
Rights Unit



Dog Bites/  
Animal Attacks



Employee Rights



FCRA



Medical  
Malpractice



Mesothelioma



Negligent  
Security/  
Premises Liability



Nursing Home  
Abuse



Product  
Liability



Property & Life  
Insurance and  
AD&D



Sex  
Trafficking



Slip & Fall



Social Security  
Disability



Spinal Cord  
Injuries



Train Accidents



Veterans'  
Benefits



Whistleblower/  
Qui Tam



Workers'  
Compensation



Wrongful Death

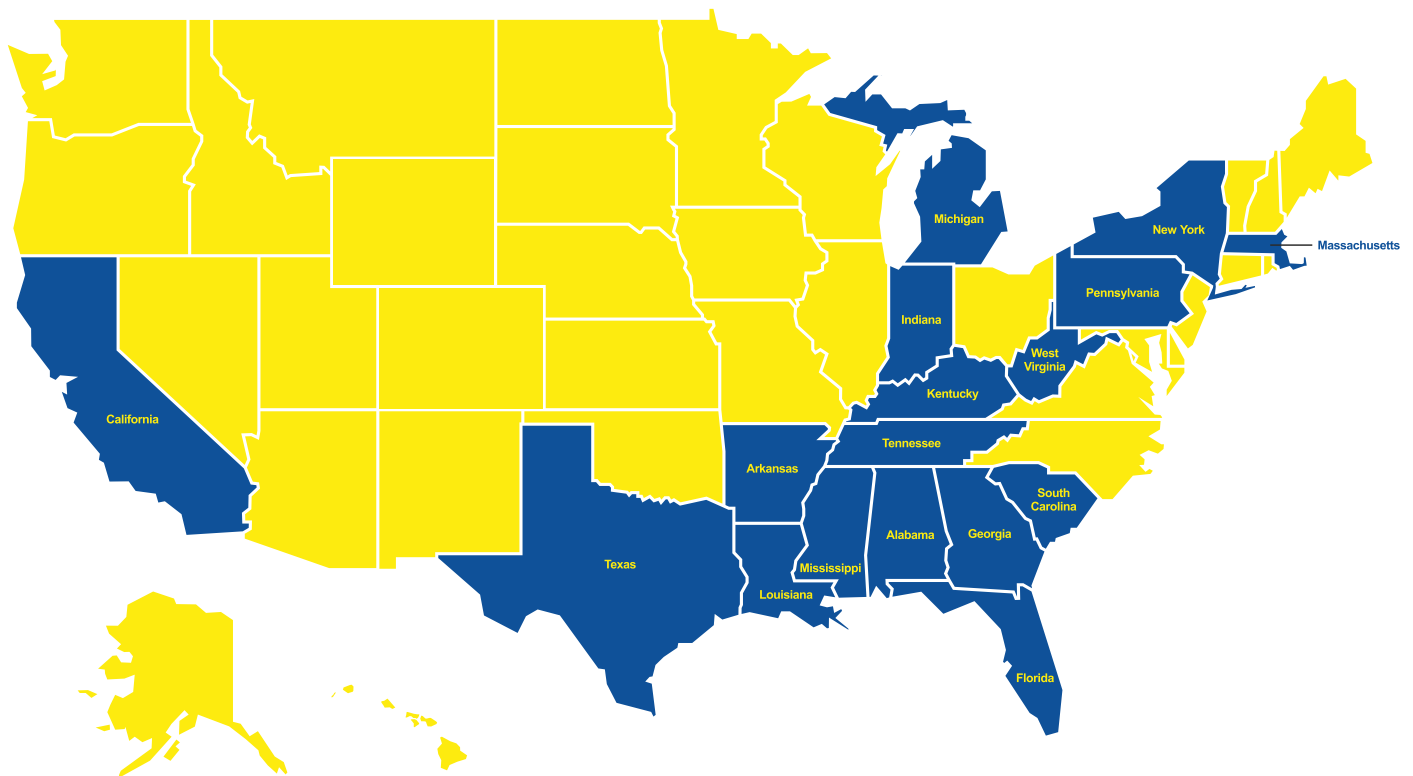




# Office Locations

\*Note: We handle cases nationally, working with local counsel in states without our physical presence.

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# Attorney Growth & Successes

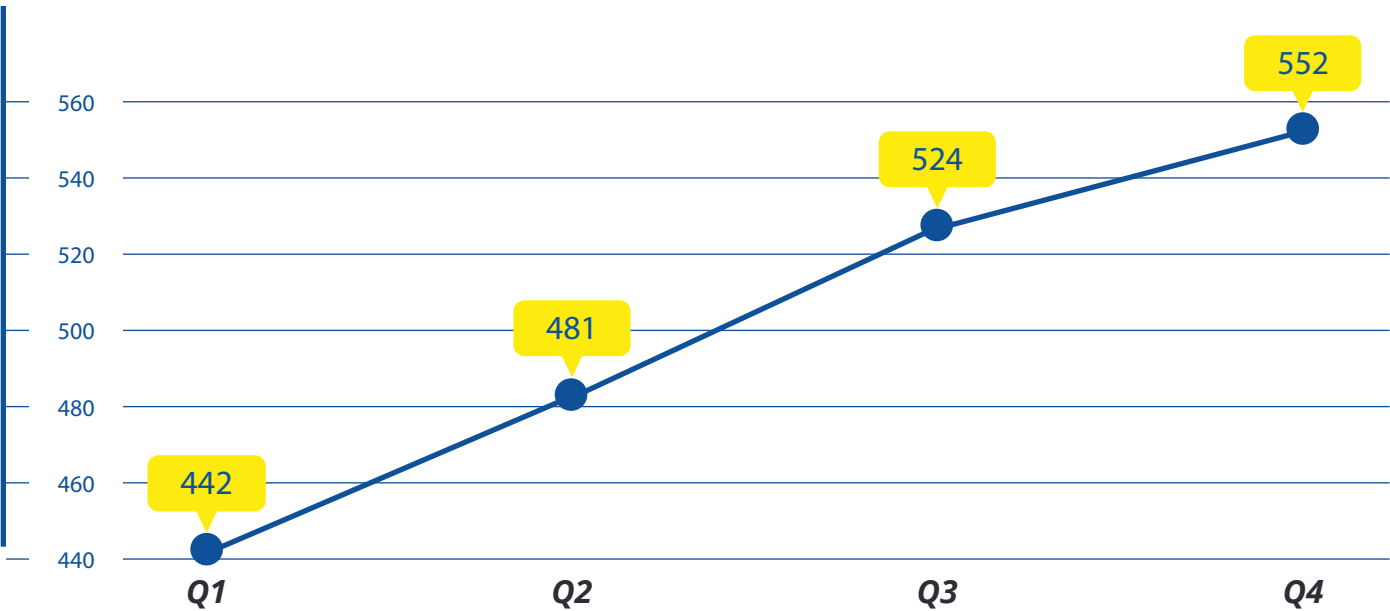
2019

TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED:  
**OVER \$1 BILLION**

2019

TOTAL CASES RESOLVED:  
**50,000**

Attorney Growth:





# What People Say About Us

*I was able to contact Morgan & Morgan via their online form from the emergency room on the day of my accident. Someone called me the next morning and set up rehab and therapy appointments right away. The following day they came to my home to begin my case. They are swift, professional and customer service-focused. After my accident, I was nervous about driving.*

“ Z.A., ATLANTA, GA

*I would just like to say that, regardless of my injuries and all that I am currently going through daily, my attorney was absolutely wonderful to me as far as listening to my concerns and thoughts and always asking if I needed anything. He made sure that he let me know that I could call him at any time for whatever I wanted to discuss regarding my case! He is a true God send and I simply love his attitude and the attention he gives to clients. From day one, this firm has gone above and beyond the call of duty making certain that I was reached out to in a very timely manner. You all ran circles and holes around the first firm! I would recommend you to family, friends, and complete strangers!*

“ Alicia, JACKSON, MS

*Unbelievably organized, responsive, and probably the most effective process-oriented group of people I've ever seen. Their preparation for mediation and trial is beyond comprehensive. Across two cases and three years, not once did anything fall between the cracks. Everyone I came into contact with exemplifies professionalism; they quickly resolved insurance issues and spent time educating me about everything affecting my cases. I trust Morgan & Morgan and I am grateful for everything they did for me. I recommend them without reservation and will miss working with them now that my civil suit is settled.*

“ Jerri, JACKSONVILLE, FL

*They are the most caring and personal attorneys you could ever have on your side. They genuinely make you feel like helping you in every way they can is their goal and main priority. I'd highly recommend this firm to anyone in need. They treat you as if you were a part of their family and are always seeking the best for the client.*

“ Janet, LOUISEVILLE, KY

*I emailed my questions and concerns and had doubt that anyone would contact me in the next 24 hours. I emailed them around 8:30 pm. I received a call the very next morning and the representative explained that after I answered her questions she would turn it over to a lawyer and then they would contact me. She answered all my questions and concerns. She gave me hope that I did the right thing. She said I should hear something in the next few days after a lawyer has time to review. I will not have to pay anything unless they win a settlement. I will receive all the information soon as to what will happen next. It has been less than 24 hours and everything is set in motion.*

“ Tammy, Orlando, FL

*I couldn't be happier with the service and the professionalism of your staff I was very satisfied with the outcome of my case. The team always returned my telephone calls in a timely manner and shared valuable as well as valid information. They were very professional and maintained a positive attitude. I would definitely use your services again if I was faced with a situation that required an attorney or legal advice and I would also refer your agency to others. Although my situation was unfortunate, I was glad to have your team on my side to get me through the difficult times. Again, I say THANK YOU.*

“ Kathy, MEMPHIS, TN

# In the News

At Morgan & Morgan, everything we do — from the cases we take on to our wins in the courtroom — makes an impact. That's why in 2019, our legal actions, settlements, and verdicts were covered by premier national and international media outlets like The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Guardian, and CNN, as well as local media outlets.

Here are some of our cases that made headlines in 2019.



## Restoring Basketball Glory

In 2018, the NCAA imposed a penalty on the men's basketball team at the University of Louisville (Kentucky) for alleged rules violations. They had their 2013 NCAA tournament win, 2012 Final Four appearance, and individual player statistics vacated and removed from the record.

With the help of John Morgan, our firm's founder, the team's players sued the NCAA and last year reached a confidential settlement. The players

had all their statistical achievements and personal honors restored.

Coverage appeared on ESPN, Fox Sports, and in the Associated Press, among others.

## Morgan & Morgan Attorney Named Cybersecurity MVP

Morgan & Morgan's John Yanchunis was named a 2019 MVP by Law360 — the premier national legal news service — in recognition of his work protecting the rights of consumers harmed by data breaches.

Last year, John achieved a notable victory when he and his team reached a \$117 million settlement with web giant Yahoo after a data breach compromised billions of user accounts.

## Major Settlement in MA Gas Explosions Case

In September 2018, a series of explosions ripped through the Merrimack Valley, Massachusetts, towns of Lawrence, Andover, and North Andover. These explosions were caused by excess gas pressure in poorly built, poorly installed, and poorly maintained natural gas lines owned and operated by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts.



More than 40 homes experienced explosions and fires as a result, which caused severe damage and injury, including one death. Morgan & Morgan's Frank Petosa took the lead in the lawsuit representing the victims, and in July 2019, a \$143 million settlement was reached.

Coverage appeared in The Washington Post and The Boston Globe, and was provided by the Associated Press.

**Florida Powerhouse**

Although we're a nationwide firm, Florida is still Morgan & Morgan's home base. This year, the firm was recognized for its achievements in the Sunshine State as a Law360 "Florida Powerhouse."

With over 350 attorneys in the state and more than two dozen offices, Morgan & Morgan has made an indelible name for itself there through litigation and impact.

**Fighting for a Zipline Accident Victim**

A 10-year-old boy from Lakeland, Florida, was seriously injured when his zipline harness disconnected and he fell 20 feet to the concrete below. On behalf of his family, Morgan & Morgan is pursuing legal action against the operators of the zipline facility, alleging employee error due to improper training and safety procedures.

Coverage appeared on the ABC, FOX, NBC, and CNN news channels, among others.

The New York Times

The Washington Post

WALL STREET JOURNAL

POLITICO

USA TODAY

AP Associated Press

billboard

Newsweek

THOMSON REUTERS

CNN

Forbes

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FOX

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ESPN



## Contact Us Today

If you or a loved one had your information stolen because of a data breach, don't hesitate to contact Morgan & Morgan. Whether you're owed compensation for a breach of your personal privacy or you're looking to improve your company's cybersecurity, we may be able to help.

Cybersecurity will only grow in importance as we continue to rely on technology, but there's only so much you can do to keep your information private. If a company has compromised your information in a data breach, we can help you hold them accountable.

Contact us today and fill out a free, no-risk case evaluation.

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