



# Gray Plant Mooty Principal Michael Cohen Earns European Privacy Professional Certification

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (November 12, 2014) — The law firm of Gray Plant Mooty is proud to announce that Michael Cohen has earned the Certified Information Privacy Professional/Europe (CIPP/E) credential through the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP).

Already a Certified Information Privacy Professional for the U.S., Cohen is now one of the few lawyers in Minnesota who holds certifications in both U.S. and European privacy. He possesses over 25 years of experience representing a variety of businesses, organizations, and individuals in the acquisition, development, manufacture, marketing, licensing, and distribution of products and services. Cohen is also the author of *A Legal Guide to Privacy and Data Security*, a free guide for Minnesota businesses created in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) on key global, federal, and Minnesota privacy and data security laws.

Developed and launched by the IAPP with leading subject matter experts, the CIPP is the world's first broad-based global privacy and data protection credentialing program. The CIPP/E is the first professional credential specific to European data protection professionals that is part of a comprehensive, principles-based framework and knowledge base in information privacy. The CIPP/E encompasses pan-European and national data protection laws, the European model for privacy enforcement, key privacy terminology, and practical concepts concerning the protection of personal data and trans-border data flows.

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