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Topic: Understanding Privacy Laws in Connection With Biometric Identification In the United States and the Rest of World

Abstract: This session will focus on United States and international privacy and personal data laws, and the impact of those laws on the use of biometrics in the United States. This presentation will demonstrate how the use of biometric recognition technology in the United States is not in and of itself illegal and, when used within the current legal parameters, does not pose a threat to privacy or civil liberties.

Biography: Mr. Fineburg specializes in business and commercial law. Since 1992 Mr. Fineburg has been working extensively with businesses involved in developing biometric identification technology and the manufacture and sale of biometric identification systems. Mr. Fineburg and his colleague, Erica A. Intzekostas, have written extensively in the areas of U.S. and foreign privacy laws related to biometric identification and national security. The law firm of Eizen Fineburg & McCarthy is general counsel to the National Biometric Security Project, a sponsor of the Biometric Consortium 2005 Conference.

Mr. Fineburg is a member of the Pennsylvania, District of Columbia and Missouri bars. Mr. Fineburg earned his undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Washington University, a J.D. from the University of Missouri and he also earned a Master of Laws in Taxation (LL.M) from the New York University School of Law.

Mr. Fineburg began his law career in 1976 in civil litigation, specializing in commercial and bankruptcy matters. Throughout his career, he has lectured to professional and business groups in the areas of estate and income taxation, as well as bank financing and commercial transactions.

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