

Partner Becki Kuehn quoted in Auto Remarketing article on CCPA

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On July 8, *Auto Remarketing* quoted Hudson Cook Partner <u>Becki Kuehn</u> in an article discussing what debt collectors should know about the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA). CCPA gives Californians the right to find out what personal information a business is collecting on them and the ability to opt out of certain sales of their personal information. It was signed into law on June 28, 2018 and is set to go into effect on January 1, 2020.

According to Becki, debt collectors gathering data from various sources should determine whether the data they are obtaining is exempt from coverage under the CCPA, she said. "The first step is, you've got to figure out what kind of data you have." To do that, debt collectors should take a data inventory. To take a data inventory, debt collectors should look at different types of data they are collecting, such as whether they are getting a skip trace product from vendor A, updated phone listings from vendor B and asset searches from vendor C. Also, the collector might have looked at social media and other sources. Then the debt collector should look at each of those sources and determine how each of them is regulated.

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<u>Click here</u> to read the *Auto Remarketing* article.

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