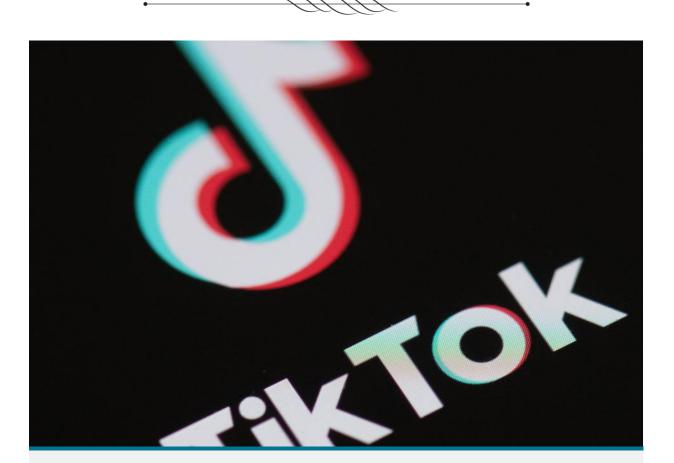




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## **TikTok Class Action**

In this age of digital privacy, it can be difficult to stay informed of your privacy rights and the nuances of the laws put in place for protection. As powerful advocates, our team at FeganScott is equipped to help consumers navigate even the most intricate laws to ensure your right to privacy is protected.

In early June, we filed a class action lawsuit against the popular smartphone app, TikTok, and its parent company, ByteDance, Inc. on behalf of consumers who use the app. Our suit claims that the app surreptitiously collects, uses and stores users' facial geometry, which is private, legally protected biometric information.

The suit also claims that TikTok fails to disclose or obtain consent for the collection, use or storage of this data, why it is collecting the data, who has access, or how long it will be retained —all of which is required by law as recognized by the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA).

We also note in the suit that the Federal Trade Commission found that TikTok was

"directed to children," and that the company had "actual knowledge" that it was collecting personal information from children who used the app.

Fortunately, BIPA allows us to hold large companies accountable regardless of where the company is headquartered. We're seeking to represent all consumers who have downloaded the TikTok app and are concerned about the use and storage of their biometric data.

In September, the federal court overseeing the litigation against TikTok appointed FeganScott founder, Beth Fegan, as lead counsel. Looking ahead, we are currently in settlement negotiations that would result in compensation for all class members, plus an agreement to refrain from collecting biometric information from users.

If you or someone you know might be interested in learning more about this case or are concerned by the collection of biometric information by other companies, we invite you to share this communication with them and encourage you to reach out to our firm today. You can also read more about the implications of privacy law in our blog, "How Illinois' Unique Biometric Data Laws Puts TikTok in Hot Water ."

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