

BFA Secures Win for Chrome Users

On Wednesday, March 17, 2021, U.S. District Judge Koh issued an order largely denying Google's motion to dismiss a complaint brought on behalf of Chrome users alleging that Google violated its express promise not to take users' personal data when using the Chrome browser outside of synched mode. In her order, Judge Koh upheld allegations that Google violated its contract with users and invaded their reasonable expectation of privacy through its collection of users' data when users had not enabled synched.

Judge Koh also found that Chrome users' data—including browsing history, cookies, and other site data—is their property and that users have alleged Google's unlawful collection of such data constitutes theft. Further, Judge Koh upheld claims that Google acted in bad faith when it collected users' data in circumvention of cookie blockers.

"We are grateful for the court's thoughtful analysis and look forward to continuing to advocate on behalf of Chrome users in this important litigation," said Lesley Weaver of BFA, who represents Plaintiffs in this action, along with Jay Barnes of Simmons Hanly Conroy, and David Straite of Kaplan Fox.

A copy of Judge Koh's order and a link to more coverage from Courthouse News Service can be found under Downloads & Links to the right. If you use the Google Chrome browser and are interested in knowing more about whether your data may be affected by the alleged unlawful practices, contact us at GoogleChrome@bfalaw.com.