

# Report Claims that Most Apps Fail to Protect Users' Privacy

Do most apps on the market fail in provider users' with basic privacy protections?

As the Silicon Valley Software Law Blog reported in a recent blog posting, a recent study suggests that this is in fact a common problem in the software industry, as further discussed in the link below:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/report-reveals-that-the-majority-of-apps-on-market-ignore-privacy-concerns>

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# Challenges of Negotiating Licenses with Start-ups

What are some of the challenges in negotiating a license with a start-up? The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog recently explored this issue in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/challenges-of-negotiating-a-licensing-deal-with-a-start-up/>

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# California Adopts Smartphone Killswitch Law

California has adopted a law that require smartphones sold in the state to have smartphone kill settings enabled as the default settings on the phone. The Silicon Valley Software Law Blog explores the impact of this legislation in the link set forth below:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/california-adopts-smartphone-kill-switch-law>

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# California notifies App-based Ride Service Uber and Competitors that Service is Illegal

The state of California has notified Uber, Lyft, and Sidecar that their services are illegal under California law, as further discussed by the Silicon Valley Software Law Blog in the post below:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/california-notifies-app-based-ride-service-uber-and-competitors-that-service-is-illegal>

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# How to Manage Intellectual Property Disputes as a Start-up

How do you manage intellectual property disputes as a start-up with limited resources? The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog explored this issue in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/successfully-managing-intellectual-property-disputes-as-an-early-stage-start-up/>

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# California Governor Signs Law Prohibiting Nondisparagement Clauses in Consumer Contracts

California has adopted a law prohibiting nondisparagement clauses in consumer contracts, as the Silicon Valley Software Law Blog explored in the blog post linked below:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/california-governor-signs-bill-prohibiting-nondisparagement-clauses-in-consumer-contracts>

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# **Google Settles with FTC over In-App Purchases Made by Children**

The Federal Trade Commission has announced that Google has agreed to refund customers' unauthorized in-app purchases made by their children in the Google Play Store, as the Silicon Valley Software Law Blog discussed in its recent blog posting attached below:

<http://www.siliconvalleysoftwarelaw.com/ftc-settlement-with-google-to-require-refund-of-unauthorized-in-app-charges>

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# **Trademark Commissioner Resigns over Allegations of Nepotism Law Violations**

Trademark Commissioner Deborah Cohn recently resigned after a controversy arose over allegations of a nepotism law violation, as was reported by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in the following blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/trademark-commissioner-resigns-over-allegations-of-nepotism-law-violations/>

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# **Getty Images Copyright Dispute Against Microsoft to Challenge Legality of Recently Released Widget**

Getty Images recently initiated litigation against Microsoft, alleging that its new widget was resulting in the infringement of its copyrights, as was further discussed by the Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog in its recent blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/getty-images-copyright-dispute-against-microsoft-to-challenge-legality-of-recently-released-widget/>

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# **Twitpic's Abrupt Announcement to Shut Down over Trademark Dispute: Convenient Excuse or Full Story?**

Twitpic has announced that it will be shutting down over a trademark dispute with Twitter regarding the use of the name "twitpic." The Silicon Valley IP Licensing Law Blog looked at this issue and questioned whether the reasons for the shutdown in the attached blog post:

<http://www.siliconvalleyiplicensinglaw.com/twitpics-abrupt-announcement-to-shut-down-over-trademark-dispute-convenient-excuse-or-full-story/>