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Charles currently serves as Lead Counsel for Data Privacy at Facebook. Prior to working at Facebook, Charles served as a corporate attorney at global law firm Reed Smith LLP in Washington, D.C. where he practiced cybersecurity law and led government investigations into financial and corporate governance issues. In this capacity, Charles represented Fortune 500 companies, CEOs and professional sports teams.

Charles maintained an active pro bono practice including representing immigrants in a variety of cases and drafting a position paper on prosecutorial reform that would later serve as a catalyst to legislation in the U.S. Congress. Charles served as co-lead counsel - delivering opening statements and direct examining witnesses - of a trial team that represented a victim of domestic violence facing eviction. Prior to his corporate law practice, Charles served as a law clerk to the Honorable Chief Judge Eric T. Washington on the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

In 2016, Charles received his law degree from the Howard University School of Law where he

served as Vice President of the Howard Public Interest Law Society. In this capacity, Charles led a legal cultural exchange trip to Port-au-Prince Haiti. At Howard, Charles was a student-attorney in the Howard Investor Justice Clinic where he represented indigent clients who had been victimized by brokerage firms preying on the elderly. At Howard, Charles was recognized for Best Appellee Brief in the Global Antitrust Institute Moot Court Competition and was a recipient of CALI Awards for Excellence (awarded to the student with the highest grade point average) in International Business Transactions and Entertainment law.

Upon graduating college, Charles served as Behavior Coordinator at City Year DC where he developed content on social justice topics for middle school youth. In 2012, Charles received his undergraduate degree from DePauw University where he served as student body president and was an All Conference member of the track and field team. Charles led a winter term trip to Haiti that brought 11 DePauw students to his home for an immersive month of service, cultural exchange and fun.