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SECTION 1 — WEEK IN REVIEW

The five developments every attorney needs to know from May 6-12, 2026.

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Connecticut Passes Comprehensive AI Oversight Act

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Connecticut's SB 2 cleared the legislature and is headed to the governor's desk — the most comprehensive state AI oversight bill enacted in 2026. It requires algorithmic impact assessments for high-risk AI systems, mandates human review of automated decisions affecting employment and credit, and establishes a new AI Standards Office. Watch this if you advise employers using AI-driven hiring tools or financial institutions using automated underwriting.

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FTC Accepts Petition for AI Algorithmic Transparency Rulemaking

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The FTC formally accepted a petition to initiate rulemaking on disclosure requirements for AI systems used in commercial profiling and dynamic pricing. A comment period is now open. This is the federal agency's clearest signal yet that algorithmic transparency is heading toward enforceable rules, not just guidance. Affects any client using behavioral targeting or personalized pricing algorithms.

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Georgia Supreme Court Sanctions Prosecutor for AI-Generated Fake Citations

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In *Payne v. State* (No. S26A0459, decided May 5, 2026), the Georgia Supreme Court vacated a trial court order, admonished the prosecutor, and imposed a six-month bar from appearing before the court — all stemming from AI-hallucinated case citations in a brief. The most significant judicial enforcement action against AI misuse by counsel to date. Any attorney using AI for legal research should brief this case internally.

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Maryland Data Privacy and Federal Shield Act Introduced

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HB 1317 would prohibit Maryland state and local agencies from voluntarily sharing residents' personal identifying information with federal agencies without a court order. Though withdrawn in March 2026, it signals significant legislative pressure on state-federal data sharing and is likely to resurface. Watch this if you advise state contractors or government-adjacent entities handling resident data.

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Nebraska Enacts Agricultural Data Privacy & AI Chatbot Safety Law (LB 525)

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LB 525 was signed April 14, 2026, on a 49-0 vote — one of the broadest consensus AI bills of 2026. It combines agricultural data privacy protections with conversational AI safety requirements. Effective July 1, 2027. Its unanimity and dual-subject scope may serve as a model for bipartisan AI legislation in other states.

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SECTION 2 — PILLAR SPOTLIGHT: AI LAW & GOVERNANCE

Connecticut SB 2 — The 2026 High-Water Mark for State AI Regulation

Jurisdiction: Connecticut

Instrument: SB 2 — An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence

Status: Passed legislature — awaiting governor signature (as of May 12, 2026)

Pillar: AI Law & Governance

What Happened

Connecticut's legislature passed SB 2 this week, creating the most comprehensive state-level AI governance framework enacted in 2026. The bill establishes mandatory algorithmic impact assessments for developers and deployers of high-risk AI systems — those making or influencing consequential decisions in employment, credit, housing, healthcare, and education. It mandates meaningful human review of automated decisions, requires transparency disclosures to affected individuals, and creates a new state AI Standards Office with enforcement authority.

Why It Matters

Connecticut SB 2 covers both developers and deployers — meaning companies that did not build the AI system but use it in their operations face direct obligations. It creates a private right of action for individuals harmed by non-compliant AI decisions. Any client operating in Connecticut who uses AI for hiring, loan underwriting, insurance, or healthcare decisions needs a compliance assessment now — not after the governor signs.

What Attorneys Should Be Telling Clients Right Now

- Map your AI systems immediately. If any automated system influences decisions in employment, credit, housing, or healthcare for Connecticut residents, it likely falls under SB 2's high-risk definition.
- Impact assessments will be required before deployment. The law does not grandfather existing deployments.
- Vendor contracts need updating. Deployer obligations pass through regardless of who built the system. Review SaaS agreements for indemnification and compliance warranties.
- The private right of action is real. SB 2 creates litigation exposure — not just regulatory risk.

- Watch for reciprocal legislation. Connecticut's passage will be cited in pending AI bills in at least six other states currently in session.

Jurisdictions to Watch: Illinois (SB 3261); Colorado (SB 24-205, under litigation); Texas (HB 1709, pending Senate); Federal (FTC algorithmic rulemaking, comment period open)

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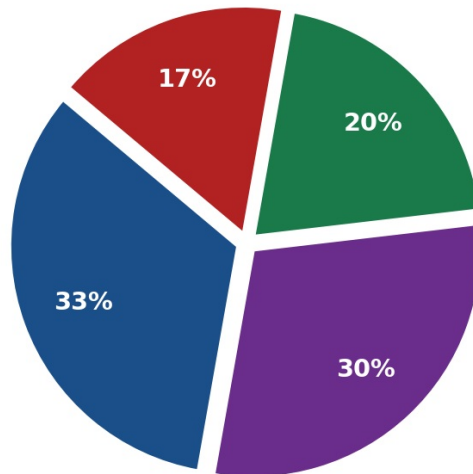
SECTION 3 — LEGISLATIVE VELOCITY INDEX

Where the action is this week — and what is heating up across all four pillars.

PILLAR	ACTIVITY	KEY JURISDICTIONS THIS WEEK
AI Law & Governance	HIGH	IL, CT, FL, PA, Federal
Privacy & Data Protection	HIGH	MD, OR, TX, NY, Federal
Data Law	MEDIUM	NE, KY, LA, Federal
Cybersecurity Law	MEDIUM	FL, VA, Federal

Relative share of new legislative activity tracked across 51 jurisdictions this week.

Legislative Activity by Pillar — Week of May 6-12, 2026



■ AI Law & Governance (90%) ■ Data Law (55%)
■ Privacy & Data Protection (80%) ■ Cybersecurity Law (45%)

Most Active States This Week

- **Illinois** — Senate held 10-hour AI subject matter hearing; 50+ AI bills under active consideration.
- **Connecticut** — SB 2 passed legislature; governor signature expected this week.
- **Florida** — Special session AI preemption bill SB 2D advancing through Senate.
- **Maryland** — Multiple privacy and data bills in final legislative stages.

- **Federal** — FTC algorithmic rulemaking petition accepted; FISA Section 702 extension signed.

EMERGING PATTERN TO WATCH

Five states introduced or advanced companion chatbot safety bills in the past 10 days — Connecticut, Illinois, Colorado, Maine, and Oregon — suggesting coordinated advocacy and a model bill circulating among legislative staff. Attorneys advising consumer technology companies should monitor this cluster as a near-term compliance wave.

SECTION 4 — CASES TO WATCH

Payne v. State

Georgia Supreme Court · Decided May 5, 2026

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This matters because: The Georgia Supreme Court imposed attorney sanctions — including a six-month suspension from appearing before the court — for AI-generated hallucinated citations in a brief. First major appellate-level enforcement action establishing attorney liability for AI tool misuse.

Status: Decided. Prosecution admonished; case remanded for further proceedings.

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State v. Clegg

New Hampshire Supreme Court · 2026 N.H. 11 · March 17, 2026

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This matters because: Court held that warrantless carrier location pings constitute a Fourth Amendment search — extending *Carpenter v. United States* to real-time carrier-level surveillance requests. Significant for any practice involving digital evidence or government data requests.

Status: Decided. Sets binding precedent in NH; watch for cert petition.

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State v. Sharak

Wisconsin Supreme Court · Decided May 12, 2026

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This matters because: Unanimous court held that Google's CSAM-detection scan is private action, not state action — rejecting a Fourth Amendment suppression challenge. Clarifies that platform-side automated scanning does not trigger constitutional constraints even when results are reported to law enforcement.

Status: Decided. Significant for tech platforms and defense counsel handling digital evidence.

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SECTION 5 — COMING THIS WEEK (May 13-19, 2026)

Legislative

- **May 13 — Illinois:** Senate AI & Social Media Subcommittee — continued deliberation on 50+ AI bills following the April 9-10 hearing.
- **May 15 — Connecticut:** SB 2 — governor signature window opens; expected to be signed this week.
- **May 15 — Colorado:** HB 1263 (chatbot safety) and AI surveillance pricing bills — third reading deadline.
- **May 20 — Federal:** FTC algorithmic transparency rulemaking — public comment deadline.

Regulatory

- **May 20 — FTC:** Public comment deadline on AI commercial profiling transparency rulemaking.
- **May 16 — NIST:** Stakeholder workshop on AI Risk Management Framework 1.1 update — open to public.

Judicial

- **May 14 — Illinois Supreme Court:** Anticipated opinion in BIPA retroactivity case — whether 2024 damages cap amendments apply to claims accrued before enactment.

BRADLEY'S PICK — ONE TO WATCH

The most underreported development this week is the Georgia Supreme Court's Payne decision. Every attorney using AI for legal research or drafting should read it. This is not a warning shot — it is a sanctions order, and it sets the template for how courts will treat AI misuse by counsel going forward. Brief it at your next team meeting.

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