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Tampa partner [Ella Shenhav](#) and Orlando attorney B. Travis Brown authored an article in the Orlando Business Journal, discussing a recent amendment to federal data protection laws which could mean heightened requirements for some businesses.

In their recent article, "[Federal data protection law amendment might apply to you – and requires quick action](#)," Ella and Travis explain that businesses that help customers get matched with lenders to fund the purchase of goods and services may be considered financial institutions under the amendment, and would therefore be subject to new requirements under the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLBA). The GLBA amendment will take effect on December 9, 2022, changing the definition of financial institutions to include "finders," or those that bring together buyers and financiers of a product or service.

"Therefore, companies offering third-party financing — such as car dealerships, furniture stores, jewelry stores and the like — should pay close attention to their new privacy and data protection obligations under the GLBA," say Ella and Travis.

According to the article, new obligations under the amended safeguards include qualified individual appointment, criteria for risk assessments, additional criteria for implementing safeguards, information system monitoring and penetration testing, as well as other training, assessment and response planning requirements.

About Ella A. Shenhav

[Ella Shenhav](#) is a partner in the Tampa office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group and the firm's Pro Bono Committee. She is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US), accredited by the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP). Ella focuses her practice on complex commercial litigation and on privacy and data protection. She has represented large and small businesses, financial institutions, employers, entrepreneurs and other individuals in successfully resolving, among other matters: business torts; privacy and data protection compliance and litigation matters; contract disputes; employment and non-compete disputes; creditors' rights; securities litigation; real estate-related litigation; shareholder disputes; and claims of unfair and deceptive trade practices.

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