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Memberships

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- American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP)
- American Statistical Association (ASA)
- District of Columbia Bar
- International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP)
- State Bar of Texas