

Biography of Hudson Hollister

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Hudson Hollister founded HData to help data companies build the relationships, strategies, and understanding they need to deploy their technologies to transform business and governance.

Hudson is a securities lawyer, former regulator, former Congressional investigator, and trade association executive. He has invested his career in applying technological innovations to make regulation, government, and law work better.

Hudson founded the Data Coalition and served as its first executive director. The Data Coalition is the world's largest open data trade association. Its nearly fifty member companies work together to advocate for policy reforms to adopt common data structures across government management and compliance reporting. The Data Coalition has successfully passed multiple data reforms in Congress.

Hudson also founded the Data Foundation, a research nonprofit which works to define an open and standardized future for our society's data. The Data Foundation has published market-leading research in the potential of technology to deliver better government management, create public transparency, and automate compliance tasks. The Foundation also works with government agencies to educate civil servants on how to use government data to solve problems. The Foundation hosts *Data Transparency*, the largest annual open data conference in the United States.

Hudson has written legislation, testified before Congress, and served as a board member and advisor to diverse startup companies and nonprofit organizations. He received the Federal 100 Award in 2015 and 2019.