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Three statuses. Two privilege flags. One **source of truth.**

How Attorney-Client & Doctor-Patient Privilege, Internal Use Only, and per-speaker Consent flow across every surface of the app — playback, AI summary, transcript, every PDF, and every email.

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The priority ladder

Every speaker on every story is displayed using a single priority cascade. **The most-restrictive marking always wins** — on the playback row, the AI Summary block, the transcript view, every PDF export, and every email subject and body.

1 **Attorney-Client / Doctor-Patient Privileged** PRIVILEGED

The most-restrictive marking — red shield. Used for legal work product (Attorney-Client) or medical confidentiality (Doctor-Patient). Overrides everything else.

2 **Internal Use Only** INTERNAL USE ONLY

Purple building icon. Signals "for internal review, not for external share." Overrides per-speaker consent.

3 **Consented — You (the operator)** CONSENT GRANTED

The app owner always has effective consent for their own recordings. Recording the conversation is the affirmative act.

4 **Per-speaker consent**

The default ladder for everyone else:

CONSENT GRANTED

CONSENT REQUESTED

CONSENT DENIED / REVOKED

CONSENT UNKNOWN

Granted = explicit yes · Requested = pending reply · Denied/Revoked = explicit no · Unknown = default until set.

How the story-level master toggles work

Every story has two master toggles at the top of the Playback screen.

MARK PRIVILEGED — THE MASTER PRIVILEGE TOGGLE (ATTORNEY-CLIENT OR DOCTOR-PATIENT)

ON: Every speaker on the story is marked Privileged. A red **ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE – CONFIDENTIAL** (or **DOCTOR-PATIENT PRIVILEGE – CONFIDENTIAL**) banner appears at the top of every email, every PDF, and the Stories list cell. Outgoing email subjects are prefixed with the matching tag.

OFF: No speaker is marked Privileged from the story level. Per-speaker exceptions can be set via the shield menu.

MARK INTERNAL USE ONLY — THE MASTER INTERNAL TOGGLE

ON: Every speaker without an explicit consent decision is treated as Internal Use Only. A purple banner appears on every email and PDF. Send-flow filters route this content as Internal.

OFF: Speakers fall back to their per-speaker consent state. Stale "Internal Use Only" markings from prior taps are demoted to "Consent Unknown" so the story's classification controls display.

Per-speaker overrides — the shield menu

Tap the shield icon next to any speaker on the Playback screen. Each row controls one piece of state:

- **Mark / Unmark this speaker as Privileged** — adds or removes this single speaker from the story's privileged-speakers list. For the "the conversation isn't privileged but one consultant is" case. Pick the type — Attorney-Client or Doctor-Patient.
- **Mark Internal Use Only** — sets this speaker's consent state to internal. As of v3.0.562 this also removes the speaker from the privileged-speakers list — Internal is a step *down* from Privileged, so the demotion is the user's stated intent.
- **Grant consent / Revoke for this story** — story-scoped consent. Does not affect other stories.
- **Set back to Unknown** — clears any story-scoped override and falls back to global consent.

The priority cascade — a worked example

A meeting with you (Richard), Dylan, and Peter.

State 1 — Recording finalized, no markings yet

CONSENT GRANTED Richard — owner short-circuit

CONSENT UNKNOWN Dylan — default for newly identified

CONSENT UNKNOWN Peter

State 2 — You tap Master Privilege ON

PRIVILEGED All three — red shield. Banner appears on Playback header, Stories list, every PDF, every email.

State 3 — You toggle Master Privilege OFF

The privileged-speakers list is cleared. Everyone drops to their underlying state: Richard **GRANTED**, Dylan

UNKNOWN, Peter **UNKNOWN**.

State 4 — You tap "Mark Internal Use Only" on Dylan

Dylan's consent goes to "internal" globally. But on this story (Master Internal OFF) Dylan still displays

CONSENT UNKNOWN — stale per-speaker "internal" is demoted when the story master is OFF. Flip Master Internal ON to display him as Internal.

State 5 — You toggle Master Internal ON

INTERNAL USE ONLY All three — purple. Banner appears.

State 6 — You tap "Mark this speaker as Privileged" on Dylan only

PRIVILEGED Dylan — privilege wins

INTERNAL USE ONLY Richard — owner override is below story master

INTERNAL USE ONLY Peter

The owner (You) short-circuit

The app owner — the person running the recording — is treated as having **Consent Granted** automatically, on every surface, in every export. The legal reasoning: the operator pressed record; the recording itself is their affirmative act. There is no scenario in which the operator records their own meeting without consenting to that recording.

This short-circuit applies to: the Playback row dot color (always green) and label ("Consented (You)"); the AI Summary's Speakers & Consent block; the transcript view (operator utterances are never redacted); every PDF and email export; and Send-flow filters.

PRIVILEGE AND INTERNAL STILL WIN

Privilege and story-master Internal still beat the owner short-circuit. If the story is privileged, the operator shows as Privileged; if Internal, the operator shows as Internal. **The owner default is the floor; story-level markings are the ceiling.**

What gets redacted in shares

The Send sheet has a checkbox — "Include speakers without explicit consent" — controlling whether

CONSENT UNKNOWN speakers appear in the shared transcript / PDF / email, or are replaced with **[REDACTED – consent not granted]**.

- **CONSENT GRANTED** → always included
- **CONSENT REQUESTED** → always included (consent is pending, not refused)
- **CONSENT DENIED / REVOKED** → **always REDACTED**, regardless of the toggle
- **CONSENT UNKNOWN** → included only when the toggle is on
- **INTERNAL USE ONLY** → included only when "Include internal use only" is on
- **PRIVILEGED** → always included (the user marked it intentionally)

The operator (you) is always included regardless of toggles — the owner short-circuit treats your consent as granted.

Cross-device consistency

All four pieces of state — story master Privilege, story per-speaker privileged IDs, story master Internal, and per-speaker consent — live on the Story (or Speaker) record on the backend. Every device fetches from the same authoritative source.

- Toggle Master Privilege OFF on iPhone → the backend Story record updates and per-speaker privileged IDs are bulk-cleared. Open the story on iPad or Mac and the local cache updates; displays drop the red shield automatically.
- The wire format for per-speaker privileged IDs uses an explicit empty array `[]` to mean "clear", never `null` — so the backend never silently preserves stale state.
- Legacy stories with stale privileged IDs self-heal on view-load: if the master toggle is off but every speaker is in the privileged list (the signature of a prior bulk cascade), the list is cleared automatically.

Banner placement — where you'll see the marking



ATTORNEY-CLIENT / DOCTOR-PATIENT PRIVILEGE — CONFIDENTIAL

Privileged story: top of the Playback screen, top of every email body (red, all caps), first page of every PDF, email subject prefix `[ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE]` or `[DOCTOR-PATIENT PRIVILEGE]`, plain-text SMS / Markdown fallback header line, and a small red shield on the Stories list cell.



INTERNAL USE ONLY

Internal Use Only story (when Privilege is OFF): purple banner on the Playback screen, every email body, and the first page of every PDF; subject prefix `[INTERNAL USE ONLY]`; small purple building icon on the Stories list cell.

Privilege wins precedence when both flags are on — only the red banner renders. The Internal flag is preserved in state but suppressed at display so recipients see one unambiguous classification.

Why six states, not two

Most recorders treat consent as a single on/off toggle. Real conversations have nuance:

- A speaker who hasn't been asked yet is different from one who said no.
- An internal-only review is different from an external share.
- Privileged work — legal or medical — requires an affirmative marking distinct from any consent decision.
- The operator (you) is different from every other participant in the conversation.

Six states map to the six decisions that actually get made. Every banner, every pill, every export header is derived from this single source of truth — change the state in one place and every surface updates.

Compliance notes

- **Two-party consent.** Bonfiah's design is built for two-party-consent jurisdictions. The operator is responsible for obtaining and recording consent per local law; the six-state system is the audit trail of those decisions.
- **Florida specifically.** Bonfiah's home jurisdiction (and the operator's residence) is Florida — a two-party-consent state. The Terms-acceptance gate at first launch establishes the operator's accountability for consent compliance.
- **Privilege is in every tier** (Free, Pro, Pro AI). Legal/medical architecture is not feature-gated. The same applies to Internal Use Only and all six consent states.
- **The audit log preserves every state transition.** Toggling Privilege off and on does not lose the underlying consent state — the system records the privilege marking and the underlying consent decision separately.

ENGINEERING REFERENCE (V3.0.562)

Authoritative architecture doc: `launch_control/operations/acp_internal_consent_architecture.md`.
Single-source-of-truth pure resolvers: `StoryACPResolver.isPrivilegedForStory(...)` (16 pinning tests), `SpeakerIdentity.cascadedConsent(...)` (tri-state Internal cascade), and `SpeakerIdentity.consentBadge` (display badge with owner short-circuit).

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