

A Fortress or a Sieve: Cybersecurity and the Law

"We've been hacked."

These are the words every CEO fears. Increasingly, they are words every lawyer expects to hear from a client. Data breaches are now commonplace, and it is the rare individual or business who will not be affected by them in some way.



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breaches wreaking havoc for global businesses and their customers.

In the last few years, data breaches at Target, Sony Pictures, eBay and JP Morgan Chase have all made headlines. Breaches such as these, along with other cybersecurity issues, rightly strike fear into the hearts of lawyers, for at least two

reasons.

First, we worry about a data breach affecting our clients, friends and colleagues. The costs of containing and mitigating a data breach can be substantial, as can the reputational harm to the company that gets hacked. The Target data breach alone affected 40 million credit and debit card accounts and 70 million customers. According to corporate filings, the

breach cost Target \$252 million through the end of 2014. In 2015, Anthem health care discovered a data breach that compromised 80 million patient and employee records. Some industry analysts have speculated that the breach could cost Anthem billions of dollars.

Second, lawyers and law firms routinely handle all sorts of confidential, protected and sensitive information for clients. That information can be stored in hard files that are not susceptible to cyberattack, but more and more, such information is stored electronically.

The good news is that the increasing incidence of data breaches is forcing companies and their counsel to focus on security and prevention, adopt proper procedures for handling of breaches when they happen and

contain costs where possible. There's also been an increase in programming to help educate lawyers to cybersecurity risks and opportunities.

If you'd like to learn more about cybersecurity and data breaches in a fun setting, attend the Columbus Bar Association's upcoming seminar and cocktail event, "AI Gore Invented the Internet to Make Your Job Harder: Lawyers and Law Firms Online." The event will take place on July 21 at 1:30 p.m., followed by a cocktail hour and speed networking event. Call (614) 221-4112 for more information and to register.

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Law firms participate in Operation Feed, help central Ohioans struggling with food insecurity

One in six Ohioans is food insecure, and many families struggle with the choice of paying for housing, utilities or medical expenses and putting food on the table. One community resource available to those in need is Mid-Ohio Foodbank.

In 2015, Mid-Ohio Foodbank distributed nearly 60 million pounds of food, supporting pantries, soup kitchens and emergency shelters across 20 Ohio counties. Operation Feed, a campaign the organization has run since 1980, recruits local businesses, schools and civic groups to fight hunger through virtual food drives.

As a part of the annual Operation Feed campaign, many central Ohio law firms participate in the Law Firm Challenge, raising funds and donating food to Operation

Feed while participating in some friendly competition.

While Mid-Ohio Foodbank recognizes a wide variety of central Ohio organizations, law firms specifically recognized for their outstanding Operation Feed 2015 efforts included BakerHostetler, Barnes and Thornburg, Dickie McCamey & Chilcote, Dinsmore & Shohl, Hahn Loeser + Parks, Isaac Wiles, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur and Squire Patton Boggs. Of those firms recognized, three raised the most meals per capita based on their firm size: BakerHostetler among large firms, Barnes and Thornburg among medium firms and Dickie McCamey & Chilcote among small firms.

More information on Operation Feed and the Mid-Ohio Foodbank can be found at: www.midohiofoodbank.org/act/operation-feed.

Columbus Bar member launches financial committee

As a member of the Columbus Bar Association since 2002, attorney Steven Forry has been an active member of several CBA committees. Recently, he saw the potential for a new committee and now, the Financial Services Committee will hold its inaugural meeting this fall.

This new committee will focus on the hottest, most pertinent issues facing central Ohio's financial services companies. Speakers will present the latest issues in litigation, transactions, regulation and compliance. The committee will provide a forum for discussion and will connect lawyers practicing in-house, in government and in private practice in this dynamic industry.

Forry works as a partner at Ice Miller in Columbus. He will chair the new committee along with Keesha Warmbsy of BakerHostetler as co-chair. Members interested in joining can contact Donna Sweet at donna@cblaw.org.

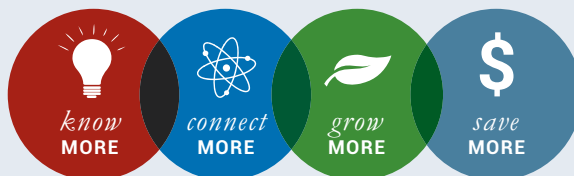
Pro Bono and Beyond

The members and staff of the Columbus Bar Association spend countless hours contributing to the central Ohio community by supporting their beloved causes. Weekly, CBA members give brief legal advice at ABC 6 On Your Side. Other members volunteer monthly at brief advice clinics throughout the city. Beyond the sphere of the profession, the New Lawyers Committee visits Alvis House for the annual holiday party. CBA members visit local schools to inspire students, ride to raise funds for cancer research and work in food banks to ensure families have access to healthy meals.

In 2014, the Columbus Bar provided staff with a volunteer day. Team members can take one full day or two half days out of the office for volunteer projects. Several staff members also spend lunch hours and time after work volunteering with local organizations. The staff shares their experiences and support each other in volunteer efforts.

Several members of the staff are working to expand volunteer programs. In addition to financial support, the CBA is exploring opportunities with the United Way of Central Ohio and the Ronald McDonald House.

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