Practice Group

IT Security and Cybercrime



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Schellenberg Wittmer advises companies and individuals in all legal matters concerning IT Security and Cybercrime. The IT Security and Cybercrime Group has specific and multidisciplinary knowledge related to the prevention and management of and response to cyber incidents, and has immediate access to technical experts and large-scale resources if required.

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Praised for ability to grasp both the technical and legal side of complex cases.

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Who's Who Legal

Expertise

- Cybersecurity due diligence
- Drafting and negotiation of cyber security-related provisions in contracts with customers and suppliers (e.g. data hosting providers)
- Set up of cyber security programmes
- Cyber risk assessments
- Awareness and preparedness training for management and employees, mock training
- Drafting and implementation of IT security policies
- Drafting and implementation of cyber incident response plans
- Advice and assistance related to Cyber Emergency Response Team (CERT) services
- Crisis management and communication
- Immediate legal response to cyber attacks, established relationships with third-party providers for technical follow-up
- Drafting and submission of data breach notifications to authorities and/or individuals
- Security breach notifications to authorities, legal assistance in criminal and civil proceedings
- Legal issues related to cloud security
- Legal advice in relation to surveillance and lawful intercept
- Legal issues related to cross-border data transfers (e.g. outsourcing, professional secrecy, mutual legal assistance, blocking statutes, US CLOUD Act)
- Advice on cyber insurance coverage, established relationships with specialist cyber insurance brokers
- Internal investigations (e.g. forensic investigations, employee interviews, internal reporting), supported by Schellenberg Wittmer's FlexLaw team for resource-intensive and cost-sensitive tasks (e.g. document reviews, e-discovery, contract management)
- Provision of e-discovery solutions (document review projects, secure datarooms, secure file exchange platforms, productivity and analytic tools, including predictive coding, strategic advice)

Deals and Cases

- Data breach notifications for a major pharmaceutical company
- Legal advice to an investment bank manager in an identity theft case
- Legal support to a private bank in taking down a fake website
- Legal advice related to an email spoofing attack
- Advice to an SME in order to regain access to its data blocked by a disgruntled service provider
- Criminal action in a data misappropriation case
- Defence of service provider against civil claims in a cyber incident case
- Assistance in various cases of mutual legal assistance related to data in criminal proceedings
- Conduct and management of major e-discovery projects

Recognitions

The group and leading practitioners are highly ranked and recognised among leading law firms in global directories and publications:

- Chambers Europe
- Legal 500
- WWL Switzerland and International Guides
- Expert Guides: Information Technology
- Leaders League IT & Outsourcing

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Very pragmatic, with a good understanding of the area not just on the legal side but also in a business setting.

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