



INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW COMMITTEE

RANSOMWARE ATTACKS and What to do About Them

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Ransomware attacks are increasing in frequency and have significant cross-border implications for companies throughout the world. Join us on Monday, March 7, 2022, at noon ET to hear [Michael Buchanan](#) and [Alejandro Cruz](#) discuss the implications of ransomware attacks and what you and your clients need to know to address them effectively. We will discuss effective strategies for responding to cross-border ransomware attacks, how to work effectively with enforcement authorities while protecting your clients' interests, whether (and if so, how) to pay ransoms without running afoul of economic sanctions, and other issues to keep in mind as you coordinate a response.

After their presentation, we look forward to an open discussion about these issues and other committee business. **You can join us on Zoom by registering here:** <https://bit.ly/34tmSTT>

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[Michael Buchanan](#) and [Alejandro Cruz](#) are litigation partners at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP in New York. Mike's practice focuses on white collar defense and investigations, cybersecurity, and patent litigation. He has tried several complex civil and criminal cases to verdict and argued multiple appeals. Mike has counseled public and private companies on issues relating to data breaches. He regularly represents companies in a wide range of cybersecurity and litigation matters, including by representing companies in the financial services, healthcare, and e-commerce industries in responding to and investigating data breaches and complying with federal and state regulatory requirements. Mike spent over nine years at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey where he investigated and prosecuted matters involving the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, insider trading, the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, health care kickbacks, off-label marketing, and Medicare/Medicaid and private insurance fraud.

Alejandro represents clients in complex commercial litigation in trial and appellate courts, as well as in arbitrations and mediations. His practice includes matters involving structured finance transactions, financial derivatives, professional malpractice, antitrust actions, commodities manipulation, and art law. He also conducts internal investigations and represents clients in investigations by government agencies. In addition, Alejandro advises clients on a wide array of cybersecurity issues, including breach response, ransomware, regulatory compliance, risk mitigation, and the New York Department of Financial Services' cybersecurity regulation. Alejandro was named a 2020 "Rising Star" by the New York Law Journal, a designation that "recognizes the region's most promising lawyers ages 40 and under."

Mike and Alejandro write frequently on privacy and data security issues, and are contributors to Patterson Belknap's blog, www.DataSecurityLaw.com