Cyber attacks and data security breaches currently cost American businesses up to $500 billion a year, not including the large number of unreported incidents. In 2015 alone, 38 percent more incidents were detected, and theft of intellectual property increased 56%, compared with 2014.

Companies of all sizes, across every industry sector, are paying greater attention to cyber crime and data security, with the understanding that the cost of cyber attacks and data breaches can be extensive and long-lasting, in terms of remediation, business interruption, regulatory sanctions, brand reputation and even corporate valuation.

To address this serious and increasing threat to corporations, McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvane & Carpenter, LLP (MDM&C) maintains one of the most experienced and respected cybersecurity practices in the Northeast. MDM&C’s Cybersecurity Practice Group provides a range of planning, preparation and response-related services, with particular expertise in the Health care, financial services, technology and consumer products industry sectors, covering:

Cyber Program Development – Threat evaluation and preparedness; review of “best practices” policies, procedures and technical capabilities; creation of plans and procedures for management of cyber and data risks; evaluation of vendor cybersecurity practices.

Incident Response Protocol – Development of plans and procedures for investigating and responding to incidents; testing of response capabilities; real-time support and management of incident response, investigation and litigation.

Compliance Application – Development of policies, procedures and technical requirements necessary to comply with industry-specific regulations, such as HIPAA, ITAR, NNP; review, analysis and upgrading of existing policies and procedures necessary for compliance or risk mitigation.

Training and Awareness – Evaluation of threats from employees and contractors, and development of protection against inside threats; evaluation of internal cultural awareness and practices; recommendation, development and delivery of cybersecurity awareness and best practices training.

External Communication – Development of protocols and guidance and support for timely and appropriate post-incident communication to critical external audiences.

MDM&C’s Cybersecurity Practice Group is anchored by two seasoned and highly respected attorneys, both of whom hold the industry’s highest credentials for privacy professionals, and are widely published within their respective industries. They are:

Diane D. Reynolds possesses a unique depth of expertise in data privacy, security and cybersecurity, combined with strong technology experience, due to her lengthy involvement in that sector. Notably, she served as as general counsel for one of the world’s largest hosting companies. Diane holds both the Certified Information Privacy Professional/United States (CIPP/US) and the Certified Information Privacy Manager (CIPM) credentials from the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP) and the American National Standards Institute / International Organization for Standardization (ANSI/ISO). She is listed in Best Lawyers® (2015 – 2016), a Woodward/White, Inc. business and partners with U.S. News & World Report, in the area of Business Organizations (including LLCs and Partnerships.)

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