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Leveraging Knowledge to Manage Your Data Risks

CYBERSECURITY

[Chinese APT41 Attacking State Networks](#)

Although we are receiving frequent alerts from CISA and the FBI about the potential for increased cyber threats coming out of Russia, China continues its cyber threat activity through APT41, which has been linked to China's Ministry of State Security. According to [Mandiant](#), APT41 has launched a "deliberate campaign targeting U.S. state governments" and has successfully attacked at least six state government networks by exploiting various vulnerabilities, including Log4j. [Read more](#)

DATA PRIVACY

[New York Law Incorporates Identity Theft into the Definition of Elder Abuse](#)

New York recently passed [legislation](#) to amend the definition of elder abuse to include identity theft. This is important as an acknowledgement of the seriousness of the problem of identity theft involving the elderly, and the legislation will also allow victims of identity theft to be eligible for resources that provide support services and programs for elderly persons who are suspected victims of abuse or exploitation in New York. [Read more](#)

[Wyoming Enacts Genetic Data Privacy Act](#)

Governor Mark Gordon signed the Wyoming Genetic Data Privacy Act into law on March 8, 2022. The law goes into effect on July 1, 2022. The Genetic Data Privacy Act requires any business that collects genetic data from individuals to: (1) provide transparent information to consumers about the collection, use, and disclosure of genetic data before collecting it and (2) obtain express consent from an individual before collecting the genetic data. The Act also includes strict prohibitions on how the genetic data can be disclosed and retained. The law does not apply to covered entities or business associates collecting protected health information under HIPAA. [Read more](#)

NEW + NOW

[Hackers Target Russia in Support of Ukraine](#)

The world has rallied around Ukraine since Russian forces invaded this past week, including, it seems, hackers. The hacktivist collective Anonymous, which gained prominence between 2008 and 2014 with a series of high-profile politically motivated cyber-attacks against such disparate groups as the Church of Scientology and PayPal, has come out of the woodwork once again by declaring "war" on the Russian government. In a statement released on Twitter, Anonymous took responsibility for hijacking the Russian state television channel and replacing it with the Ukrainian

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national anthem playing over an image of the Ukrainian flag. The group also took responsibility for a distributed denial of service attack against RT, the Russian state news agency. And, in a personal jab at Russian President Putin, Anonymous hackers updated international maritime records to rename Putin's personal yacht "FCKPTN" and change its destination to "Hell." They also changed the yacht's documented course to show it crashing into Snake Island, the site of a Ukrainian military installation that has become a symbol of Ukrainian resistance. [Read more](#)

DRONES

[Police Use Drones and Other Innovative Technology for Public Safety Efforts](#)

Police across the United States are increasingly relying on emerging technologies to make their jobs more efficient and to increase public safety. Police are using drones, license plate readers, gunshot detection systems and even robots to reduce injury and harm. To no one's surprise, law enforcement agencies have struggled with retention and hiring during the last two years, and many police departments are now looking to new technologies to fill those gaps and keep their communities safe. However, with these new technologies comes concern for the loss of privacy. Technology can be a great law enforcement tool; however, a line should be drawn to protect our privacy, while also meeting the expectation that the police will protect the public. Nevertheless, new technologies continue to find their way into law enforcement. [Read more](#)

PRIVACY TIP #322

[Monitor Apps Collecting Kids' Data](#)

There is a federal law, the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), that requires app developers to obtain parental consent before collecting information from children under the age of 13. The law has been on the books for a long time, yet companies are not always in compliance with it. The Privacy Tip this week discusses an app raising questions. [Read more](#)

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Upcoming and Recent Events and Honors:

- The Massachusetts Bar Association CLE program "Smart Devices: In Your Home, Your Car and Your Office: What you Need to Know" was co-presented by Linn Freedman and Kathryn Rattigan on March 1, 2022.
- Linn Freedman was listed in the Chambers and Partners Global 2022 ranking guide in the area of Privacy and Data Security – USA. Chambers wrote that she "counts data breach response and defending privacy claims as important pillars of her practice." A client testimony says Linn is "knowledgeable and someone who works really hard for her clients." Linn has been ranked as a leader in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business* in the area of Privacy & Data Security nationwide since 2012 and global-wide since 2019.
- JD Supra's 2022 Reader's Choice Awards recognized Data Privacy + Cybersecurity team lawyers Linn Freedman, Deb George, and Kathryn Rattigan as Top Authors and Robinson+Cole as a Top Law Firm in 2021. Linn was announced as the #1 author in the area of Cybersecurity for the seventh consecutive year. Deb was recognized as a Top Author in the category of Data Privacy and Kathryn was named a Top Author in the area of Cybersecurity for a second time.
- Linn Freedman co-presented "Build, Adapt & Execute Your Information Governance, Privacy, and eDiscovery Strategy," alongside IPRO's Director of Information Governance, Nick Inglis, at Legalweek New York on March 9, 2022.
- Linn Freedman will present "Insider Threats and How to Mitigate Them" at the Medical Updates 38: A Review of Advances in Medicine Conference in Park City, Utah on March 22, 2022.



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