

Overview

In today's complex and integrated world, organizational resiliency is a multidimensional challenge. Managing security threats and vulnerabilities requires not only devoting attention and resources to physical and cybersecurity issues, but also monitoring evolving market, political and regulatory risks for paradigm shifts. Dentons' Intelligence & Strategic Services practice has learned that the best strategy for managing the inevitable crisis is to improve one's organizational resiliency before the incident occurs. We identify weaknesses in our clients' policies and processes and advise on how to address them consistent with ongoing business needs and enterprise-wide operational risks. We partner with cybersecurity risk consultants and other technical experts, integrating their work product into actionable advice protectable under applicable attorney-client privilege.

Want to learn more about how we can help your organization? Contact any member of our team listed on the right side of this page.

Key service areas

From compliance through crisis management, the Intelligence & Strategic Services practice helps client protect what matters most, including:

- **Physical, personnel and digital security:** We advise on cybersecurity readiness and remediation, insider threat programs, deep diligence on employees and contractors, and background check best practices.
- **Incident response and crisis management:** When a crisis occurs, the Intelligence & Strategic Services Group clearly distinguishes itself. With the ability to act as incident counsel as well as bringing exceptionally trained crisis advisors whose skills have been tested at the highest levels, we stand ready to assist our clients to solve their political, cyber breach, employee safety or compliance matters. We can assist with identifying the bad actors, liaising with law enforcement, communicating with regulators and developing communication plans. Our attorneys also advise clients on privacy law related issues in terms of compromised data to ensure delivery of a comprehensive, compliant solution.
- **Corporate governance:** We advise on tested best practices in the areas of US and global physical and digital security, privacy, anti-corruption and other compliance regimes.
- **Political and market risk analysis:** Our team of attorneys and former intelligence and military professionals, equipped with the latest big data analytics tools, deep substantive knowledge and extensive networks of contacts, provide subscription reports and comprehensive project analyses.
- **Regulatory reviews:** With our expansive global footprint, we are able to provide instant access to local legal expertise in hundreds of jurisdictions and design practical, cross-border programs to ensure security, privacy, insurance and corporate compliance.

Representative Experience

- As incident response counsel for a global energy company, recently managed a cybersecurity maturity assessment,

with the technical diligence conducted by an outside firm and layering in our own broader insights to create one, comprehensive report.

- Assisted a client in identifying the foreign-state-sponsored sources of cyber breaches and developed countermeasures to prevent further damage to the client's business and reputation.
- Assisted a Mexican financial services company in tracking down the hardware and software that was being used by a sophisticated overseas organized crime group to wage a methodical attack on the client's operating systems. The client had already lost millions of dollars and stood to lose millions more had we not discovered the exact nature of the technical attacks and then quickly neutralized them.
- Helped a foreign company with operations in the Middle East to isolate and remove employees involved in potential corrupt activities while simultaneously replacing them with new staff so there was no disruption to the company's operations.
- On behalf of a high-net-worth US client, identified and neutralized a serious risk posed by a foreign criminal in Argentina who had been attempting to blackmail him.
- For a US firm, conducted anti-corruption diligence on a potential customs agent in Mozambique, helping the client resolve serious issues that had been affecting construction of a large industrial facility.
- For a Chinese client who attracted the attention of OFAC in connection with a series of investments throughout Africa, conducted a detailed investigation and produced sufficient evidence to the US regulator to clear the client.
- Resolved serious corruption concerns for a national oil company in the Middle East, allowing a significant engineering procurement and construction (EPC) tender to get back on track.