



Securing the Law Firm: Special Session

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Priorities for cost-conscious CISOs

Given the rising price of effective cybersecurity, where should law firms focus their spend?



Building the minimal viable security framework

Law firm CISOs have no shortage of potential cybersecurity priorities. They can break the problem down into broad functional areas – discovery, investigation, containment, recovery.

They can guesstimate an 80:20 rule to prioritize particular technologies based on risk types – identity and access management, advanced perimeter defences or new endpoint protection technologies.

They can prioritise according to the current level and type of threats versus their vulnerabilities, including focusing on internal, human issues, rather than external actors.

They can build a process based on choices between on premises, cloud or fully outsourced, or based on their view of the best operational structures

They can base a cybersecurity methodology around key operational structures and platforms, making SOCs, SOARs, SIEMs their central focus.

They may decide that cost reduction should motivate their choices and so focus on technologies that remove people costs such as AI and automation.

Or they may take the pragmatic view, and simply start with the legally mandated level of reasonable cybersecurity, where one exists, and, failing that, simply ensure compliance with the relevant regulations (GDPR!).

The sheer number of ways it is possible to look at and break down the problem of cybersecurity, let alone hire the right talent and buy the right technologies, highlights the complexity of the problem. Add in questions about matching risks to overall spend, and so looking at risk appetite / tolerance, ROI and the senior management issues around these, and the problems multiply.

With most law firms now committed to implementing effective cybersecurity, how can CISOs decide what structures and solutions match their particular organisations best?

Given the complexity of international legal practices, do the normal rules of cybersecurity apply to these unusual firms?

And what lessons can legal CISOs learn from their colleagues in industries beyond the legal sector?

Securing the Law Firm will cover these and other key subjects for its audience of professionals tasked with safeguarding digital assets and sensitive data. There will be real-life case studies, strategic talks and technical break-out sessions from security teams behind some of the world's most admired brands, who know, just like you, that security is now more important to business than ever.

One size does not fit all

Law firms need cybersecurity advice and solutions tailored to their discrete circumstances. But this advice, and these solutions, also need to reflect the business realities they face and the concrete demands their clients are making today. So this edition of Securing the Law Firm will focus on:

Cyber risk identification, measurement and management

- Translating security vulnerabilities into realistic operational loss scenarios
- Combining risk, cybersecurity and audit for the full picture
- Communicating cyber risk to the business

Securing specialised systems

- Legacy database or document management systems are attractive targets: do CISOs get involved?
- What about cash handling, payment and risk management systems?
- Industrial, supply chain, logistics and manufacturing: identifying and securing embedded technologies.

The nature of nation state actors

- How can companies protect honest employees against increasingly sophisticated attacks?
- What are the most commonly used attack strategies and what are the best ways to defend against them?
- Is the state doing enough to provide secure national digital infrastructure?

Cost-effective compliance

- GDPR and other regulatory demands are expensive: how to reduce the cost?
- Cognitive, robotic process automation and AI solutions to compliance demands
- Outsourcing: from Cloud, to SaaS to virtual CISO – are off-premises solutions the answer?

AI: separating the hype from the reality

- AI attacks based on analysis of social media are the next threat. Solutions?
- What do vendors mean by “AI” and “machine learning” and what questions should CISOs be asking about these new products?
- AI for devops: finding the bugs before they escape

Getting the basics right

- Most big, public hacks show that without the fundamentals, no amount of money or innovative technology is the answer: why do firms still fail at the basics?
- Security in an outsourced IT environment: dealing with cost cutting and old-fashioned attitudes to IT
- The minimum viable cybersecurity process?

Law firms also need your help ...

1 To satisfy their clients' need for proof

Law firms' clients are increasingly demanding proof that their key suppliers are implementing appropriate cybersecurity measures. But demonstrating this is difficult. **Which solutions are available, scalable and easy to implement?**

4 To secure diffuse networks

Law firms are cross-border but de-centralised. Legal transactions involve third-parties as firms become legal project managers as much as sole legal advisers. Securing the network and those who use it is a problem. **Can your products help?**

2 To build cyber resilience

Law firms have begun the long journey to cybersecurity. But recent breaches force management and clients to think harder about sustainability and resilience, as well as simply security. **Show how your products can help firms achieve this.**

5 To train and retain key cyber staff

Everyone needs to buy-in to cybersecurity from the top down. They need training and education. Law firms also need to prove that they value cyber security staff and give them the responsibility they need. **Otherwise they leave. Can you help?**

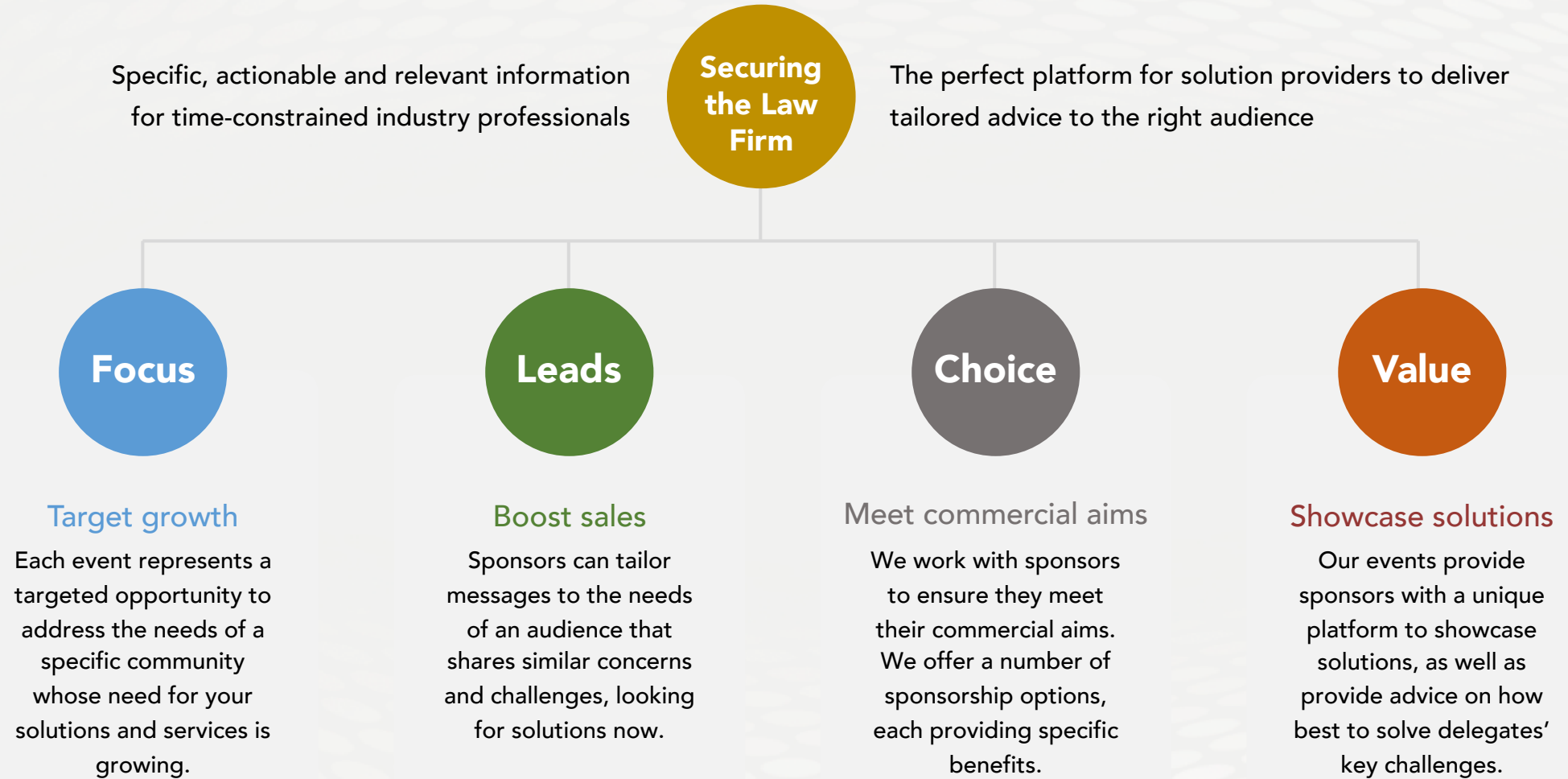
3 To build cross-border compliance

Cyber-security is going mandatory. Voluntary commercial codes are not enough. Regulators want companies to demonstrate true cyber-security as well as basic compliance. **How can you help with this?**

6 To outsource what they cannot do in-house

Many organisations cannot afford in-house SOCs or security teams big enough to counter cyber threats effectively. So what can they outsource and does outsourcing really solve the underlying risk problem? **What can you offer?**

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