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Protecting Information: Cybersecurity and Risk Management

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Overview

- Cybersecurity and Risk, Generally
 - Internet of Things
- New FAR Safeguarding Clause and “Old” DFARS Safeguarding Clause
- Data Incidents and Litigation



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Cybersecurity and Risk, Generally



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Managing Cybersecurity Risk

- No “one size fits all” approach
- Not a one-and-done activity: ongoing
- Variety of risk management frameworks and policy initiatives
- Federal government – carrot and stick
 - Statutes, guidance, and high-profile enforcement actions across industry sectors and activities (HHS, FTC, FCC, CFPB, SEC, DHS, DOJ, DOD...)
 - NIST Guidance (voluntary), e.g., Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, Guide to Cyber Threat Information Sharing
- State government – privacy/cybersecurity teams, incident response, and risk reduction practices



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Federal Cybersecurity Policy Initiatives

- NIST, *Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity* (www.nist.gov/cyberframework/)
 - Voluntary, customizable, and provides a common vocabulary: “Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, Recover”
 - “Supply chain risk is an essential part of the risk landscape that should be included in organizational risk management”
- NIST SP 800-150, *Guide to Cyber Threat Information Sharing* (<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/>)
 - Information Sharing & Analysis Centers/Organizations (ISACs/ISAOs)
 - Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015 (12/15/15)
 - Any “non-federal entity” can share information with federal government “notwithstanding any other provision of law.”
 - Information-sharing portals



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Internet of Things

- “Cyber-physical systems (CPS) [including IoT] are smart systems that include engineered interacting networks of physical and computational components.”

NIST Cyber Physical Systems Public Working Group, *DRAFT Framework for Cyber-Physical Systems*, Release 0.8 (September 2015)

- \$11 Trillion Global Economy
 - \$2 Trillion Today
 - Est. \$11 Trillion in 2025
- More Devices than Humans
 - 25 Billion Devices → 50 Billion devices in 2020
- 127 New Devices/Second Added to Internet
- Exponential increase in data collection and analysis



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With Benefits Come Risks...

- Ubiquity
- Complexity
- Inconspicuousness
- Limited user interface
- Low cost, little incentive to secure
- Long life: limited patching, upgrades, or technology refresh
- Communications: who else involved?
- Interactions
- And on and on...
- Homes
- Healthcare and medical devices
- Vehicles and drones
- Business environments
- Physical and logical access
- Critical infrastructure
- Industrial and manufacturing processes
- Supply chains
- And on and on...



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With Risks Come Regulation... and More Risk

- No common IoT standards or interoperability principles or “reasonable security” safe harbors
- Congress: “more than 30 different congressional committees” *Politico* (June 2015)
- Federal Government: Alphabet Soup
 - FTC – consumer catch-all
 - FDA – medical devices
 - FCC – spectrum
 - DOE(nergy) – smart grid
 - DOT – vehicles, aircraft, pipelines
 - DHS – critical infrastructure
 - DOJ – law enforcement
 - DOD – advanced technology
 - HHS – healthcare

An estimated two dozen agencies with IoT-related interests ...
- State Government: “little FTC Acts,” general privacy and data security statutes, IoT-specific legislation
- Private enforcement actions



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New FAR Safeguarding Rule and “Old” DFARS Safeguarding Rule



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Background

- OPM Breach (along with other high-profile incidents, including IRS, DOE, TRICARE) result in internal initiatives to improve cybersecurity within agencies and across federal government (OMB, GAO, IGs)
- Increased recognition that federal government is out of step with private sector cybersecurity practices
- Return to basics: robust risk management practices, reasonable data security measures, vendor management, and accountability
- Cybersecurity practices aren't (yet) harmonized across federal agencies or within larger agencies.
- Cybersecurity tensions are reflected in agency administration of government contracts as well.



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FAR 52.204-21: Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems

- Newly published (5/16/16), effective in 30 days (proposed rule dates back to 8/4/12)
- Safeguards systems rather than specific information
- Covers any contractor and subcontractor information system that “processes, stores, or transmits” information “not intended for public release” that is “provided by or generated for” the Government
- Does not pre-empt more specific security requirements (DFARS, classified, CUI, agency, etc.), including “forthcoming FAR rule to protect CUI”
- “[I]ntent is that the scope and applicability of this rule be very broad, because [it] requires only the most basic level of safeguarding.”
 - No exemption for simplified acquisition threshold
 - Applies to commercial acquisitions, but exempts Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) items



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FAR 52.204-21: Basic Safeguarding of Covered Contractor Information Systems

- Requires contractors and subcontractors to implement 15 security controls taken from the security control families in NIST SP 800-171, *Protecting CUI in Nonfederal Information Systems and Organizations*
 - Access Control (4 specific controls)
 - Identification and Authentication (2)
 - Media Protection (sanitization and disposal) (1)
 - Physical Protection (2)
 - System and Communications Protection (2)
 - System and Information Integrity (4)
- “[A]s long as the safeguards are in place, failure of the controls to adequately protect the information does not constitute a breach of contract.”



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DFARS 252.204-7012: Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting

- Final Rule pending (“second interim rule” 12/30/15)
- Mandatory in all defense contracts and solicitations
- Requires “adequate security” to protect information systems handling covered defense information
- Requires written DoD CIO approval of “alternative but equally effective security measures”
- NIST SP 800-53 v. NIST SP 800-171
- Imposes cyber incident reporting requirements
- Exposes contractors to potential for extensive audits
- Growing concern over risk of contractor liability
 - Supply chain compliance
 - False Claims Act
 - Suspension & debarment



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Data Incidents and Litigation



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Responding to an Incident

1. Assemble the Team

- Form your team per the incident response plan
- Investigative team—internal resources v. outside vendor
 - Consider creating separate team for obtaining legal advice
- Involve in-house/outside counsel immediately
 - Privileged communications/work product
 - Assess claims/positions vs. vendor
 - Strategize for long-run – investigation through class actions
- Involve risk management to assess insurance coverage and report incident to commence/preserve claim
- Involve corporate communications to ensure consistency with media statements
- Ensure effective internal reporting



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Responding to an Incident

2. Investigate/mitigate/remediate

- Forensics
 - Can you identify type of infiltration and impact?
 - Can you show forensically that data not accessed?
 - Can you determine if data exfiltrated?
 - In case of missing device, can you determine what data it contained?
- Mitigate/Remediate
 - Can you track and recover lost data?
 - If technical cause, can it be fixed?
 - Are the cyber attackers still in the system?



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Responding to an Incident

3. Notification

- Numerous constituencies: Law enforcement, Regulators, Customers, Public, Media, Business partners
- DFARS 252.204-7012
- OCR/HIPAA – HITECH
- State/Other Breach Notification Laws
 - Standards vary by state
 - AGs have enforcement authority
 - Timing: “in the most expedient time possible,” “without unreasonable delay”
 - If required to notify in some states, notify in all states?
- Don’t sugarcoat notification letter
- What do you do if you cannot determine extent of incident?



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Responding to an Incident

4. Working with Regulators

- Be proactive with regulators
- Establish relationship/bring them in the loop
- Beware of turf wars re regulators with overlapping jurisdiction
- Make sure they know that situation is fluid and you will update them



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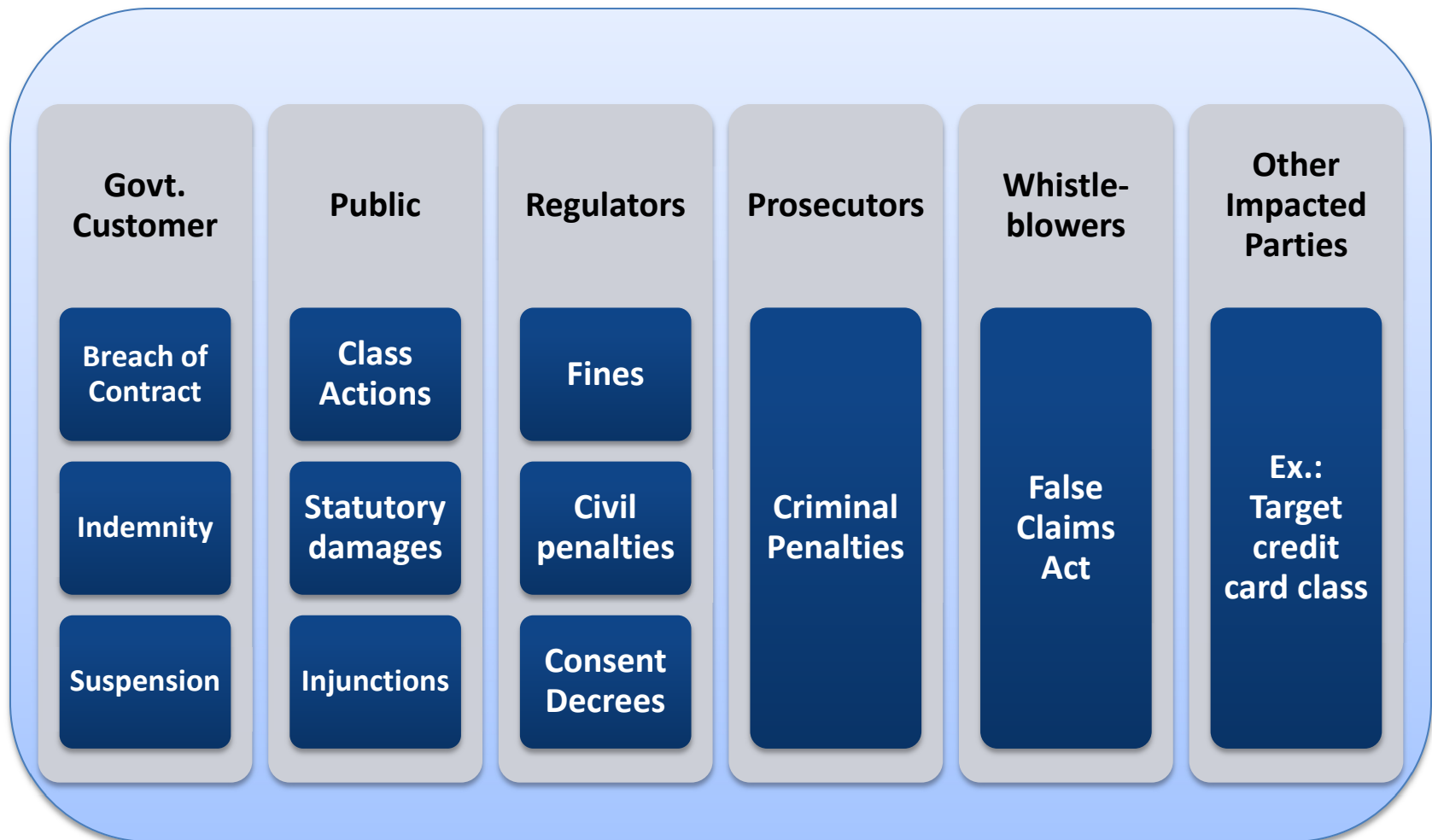
Responding to an Incident

5. Prepare for Litigation

- Include litigation counsel in incident response
- Preserve critical evidence
- Document investigation/remediation efforts

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Data Security Incidents Lead to Litigation on Many Fronts





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Litigation Trends: Creative Pleading

Negligence

Breach of
Contract/Warranty

Unfair Trade
Practices

Misrepresentation

Violation of Privacy

State Statutes (e.g.
CMIA, Customer
Records Act)

Misappropriation

Conversion



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Litigation Trends

- *Spokeo, Inc. v. Robins*
 - Plaintiff alleged a statutory violation of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, even though the violation did not cause an actual injury (as opposed to risk of injury)
 - Trial court dismissed the case, Ninth Circuit reinstated the case
- Issue is standing: does a plaintiff have standing to sue based on a violation of a statute when he has not suffered an actual injury?
- Supreme Court reversed the Ninth Circuit and remanded for further proceedings
 - 6-2 decision, with Justices Ginsburg and Sotomayor dissenting
- Court did not announce a new rule—reiterated earlier rulings that plaintiffs must plead and prove both “particularity” and “concreteness” of harm
 - Ninth Circuit did not analyze “concreteness”
- Concreteness remains a nebulous concept
 - Can’t be a “bare procedural violation, divorced from any concrete harm”
 - But, can be:
 - Procedural violation in some circumstances
 - Risk of real harm



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Litigation Trends

- Cognizable injury or harm
 - Actual identity theft
 - Fear of future harm
- Causation
 - Connecting harm to the data incident



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Manage Cybersecurity Risk for the Life of the Data

Assess the Risks

- Identify and classify data and systems
- Identify insider threats
- Identify external threats

Reduce the Risks

- Physical and information security controls
- Clear governance, policies and procedures
- Incident response plan
- Industry and government partnerships

Export, Accept, or Avoid the Risks

- M&A
- Insurance
- SAFETY Act
- Managed services
- Refrain from activity

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