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Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara and Citrin Cooperman Team Up to Champion Cybersecurity Awareness for Businesses with Original Series of Informational Podcasts

Rhode Island – May 7, 2019 – Cyberattacks are on the rise, with industries and organizations reporting rampant increases in phishing or business email compromise and a [majority of Americans](#) having personally experienced a major data breach. To address the heavy risk and cost of a breach in a company's operations, Pannone Lopes Devereaux & O'Gara LLC (PLDO) and tax, audit, and business consulting firm Citrin Cooperman have teamed up to produce a series of original podcasts dubbed "[Cyber Crooks and Crime](#)," featuring PLDO Partner [Brian J. Lamoureux](#), a leading voice and frequent commentator on social media and digital law and cybersecurity legal issues, and [Kevin Ricci](#), CISA, CRISC, MCSE, QSA, a leader in the cybersecurity practice at Citrin Cooperman. The podcasts take a deep dive into the cybersecurity landscape, how hackers behave, and how best to make informed decisions to safeguard and protect an organization's customers, employees, and brand.

"Cybersecurity is not set it and forget it," said Attorney Lamoureux. "The entire ecosystem of how we live is connected one way or another, from our mobile devices to our refrigerators to our checking accounts and our cars. This seamless digital interconnectedness has its benefits, but if hacked or infiltrated by cyber criminals, it can wreak havoc. For businesses, the chaos caused by a cyberattack threatens their bottom line and exposes an organization to numerous legal issues."

"There is no greater way to reduce the risk of a cyberattack than to have an informed employee," said Ricci. "The starting point is with the executive team, the IT professionals and throughout the entire workforce. We know that the cost of a hack – internally or externally – is more than the damage of stolen data or lost productivity. Having an educated workforce that is aware and on the look-out for phishing emails or other compromising techniques used by hackers, can be the key difference between a successful rapid response following an attack or dire reputational damage to a company's brand."

Episodes of the podcast series cover topics including “Know the Cyber Criminal Landscape,” “Cybersecurity Breach Response and Preparedness in the 21st Century,” “Taming and Reforming the “Wild West” of Information in the Digital Age and Protecting Privacy Rights” and “Meet “Your” Hacker – Who Are the Bad Guys.”

Listeners will learn how to avoid falling prey to spoofing and phishing emails, factors to consider when conducting cybersecurity training, the real cost of a cyber incident to a company’s bottom line, the components of a cybersecurity plan and its importance to reducing the risk of litigation following a breach, legal issues regarding privacy rights and data protection, best practices when considering outsourcing cybersecurity and why cyber crooks are growing in numbers and how social media has given rise to the acceleration of cybercrime. Each month a new podcast will be released along with collateral material and other updates. To access the podcasts and resources, visit [Cyber Crooks and Crime](#).

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