



Six Cyber Issues for the Trump Administration

Tad A. Devlin, partner in the Kaufman Dolowich & Voluck San Francisco office, and Stacey Chiu, Law Clerk, in the same office, had an article published in Risk Management on March 1, 2017. The rise of cybersecurity threats poses a critical corporate and national security issue. From an increase in social engineering fraud and ransomware that cost businesses millions of dollars last year to the influence of social media and hacking on the U.S. presidential election, cyberthreats (and attacks) are now common and persistent. Before taking office, Donald Trump announced that improving cybersecurity would be one of the top priorities during his first 100 days in office. Some cybersecurity experts are still uncertain of the Trump administration's ability to tackle these important issues, however. In November, for example, Forrester Research predicted that the new president would face a cyber crisis in his first 100 days, further highlighting the urgent need for a strong cybersecurity policy, including enforcement procedures. President Trump has indicated that he will leave the brunt of the policymaking on this issue to the Department of Defense (DoD) and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, though this proposed plan has raised some legal questions, as the Department of Homeland Security is the agency in charge of protecting infrastructure while the Pentagon is responsible for defending military networks.