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Via E-mail

Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Security Breach Notification
200 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION

To Whom It May Concern:

We are counsel Cooperman Lester Miller Carus LLP ("CLMC"), a law firm based in Manhasset, New York. On June 1, 2022, Cooperman Lester Miller Carus LLP (CLMC) discovered that the email account of David Lester, a partner at CLMC, had been compromised. Two weeks later, CLMC learned that the compromise resulted in nearly \$2 million in wire transfer fraud involving three wire transfers. CLMC reported the incident to law enforcement and retained counsel (DeMarco Law PLLC) and cybersecurity firm Kroll to conduct a forensic investigation. On June 29, 2022, Kroll concluded that Lester likely had been the victim of a "brute force" attack on his email account.

The investigation did not reveal any affirmative evidence that the threat actor (TA) accessed or acquired any personal information (PI) in Lester's account. The TA's motive clearly was financial fraud. However, Kroll could not rule out the possibility of access, acquisition or download of PI. Kroll believes that the TA had access from on or about March 27, 2022, until the passwords were changed on June 1, 2022. The impacted data included the Social Security Numbers of six Maryland residents.

CLMC will be sending written notifications to impacted individuals later today, on December 27, 2022. These letters will include an offer of 24 months of complimentary credit monitoring. A template of the letter, which will be personalized for each individual, is enclosed with this letter.

As a result of this incident, CLMC implemented or is working on implementing a number of measures to improve security, including:

- resetting relevant passwords;



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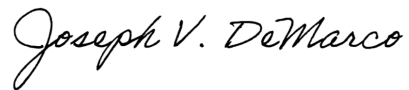
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- deploying multi-factor authentication across the firm;
- implementing new technical safeguards;
- arranging for additional cybersecurity training for firm staff; and
- commencing the preparation of a Written Information Security Program (WISP) and Cyber Incident Response Plan (CIRP) and anticipates finalizing and implementing those in early 2023.

If you have any additional concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at jvd@demarcolaw.com or (917) 576-2369.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph V. DeMarco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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December 27, 2022

RE: Important Security Notification

Please read this entire letter.

Dear Sample A. Sample:

We are contacting you regarding a data security incident at Cooperman Lester Miller Carus LLP (“CLMC” or “we”). As you may know, CLMC is a law firm serving businesses and individuals from its offices in Manhasset, New York and New York City. We believe that information about you that CLMC received from you directly, or in connection with services CLMC provided to others, may have been accessible to the criminal actor who caused CLMC’s data security incident.

While we have no evidence that your personal information has been or will be misused, we wanted to make you aware of the incident, the measures we have taken, and to provide information on proactive steps you may consider taking to help protect your information.

What happened?

On June 29, 2022, we became aware of unauthorized access to an account in the Microsoft 365 email environment belonging to David Lester, a CLMC partner. Please note that this incident did not involve access to CLMC’s servers, desktop computers or any system located at CLMC’s office or maintained by CLMC, nor was it the result of ransomware or the downloading or opening of a phishing email or virus. Rather, the evidence gathered in the course of investigation suggests that a sophisticated criminal group executed a “brute-force” attack to gain access to Mr. Lester’s cloud-based email account. There is no evidence that the email accounts of any other CLMC partners, associates, or staff were compromised.

Once we discovered that there was an issue, we promptly engaged an IT firm to assess our systems. We also confirmed that the incident was isolated to the one email account referenced above. Without delay, we secured the account and deployed additional data security measures across CLMC. We also reported the matter to federal law enforcement officials. Based on a detailed assessment of the affected email account, which took several months to conclude, it appears that personal information in the account may have been accessible to a criminal actor from March 27, 2022 until June 1, 2022. However, based on CLMC’s investigation to date, we have no evidence that the criminal actor targeted or sought your personal information or that your information has been misused.

What information was involved?

When the criminal actor had access to these accounts, it is possible that the following personal data were accessible: [Extra1][Extra2].

What we are doing to protect your information:

To help protect your identity, we are offering a complimentary 24-month membership of Experian's® IdentityWorksSM. This product provides you with superior identity detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by March 31, 2023** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- Provide your **activation code: ABCDEFGHI**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian's customer care team at **877-890-9332**, toll-free Monday through Friday from 8 am – 10 pm Central, or Saturday and Sunday from 10 am – 7 pm Central (excluding major U.S. holidays) by **March 31, 2023**. Be prepared to provide engagement number **B082704** as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 24-MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration specialists are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance^{**}:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at 877-890-9332. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for 24 months from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration. You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

We apologize for this incident and regret any inconvenience it may cause you. Should you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us at 516-365-1400.

Sincerely,

Cooperman Lester Miller Carus LLP

* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

** The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

Information about Identity Theft Protection

Monitor Your Accounts

We recommend that you regularly review statements from your accounts and periodically obtain your credit report from one or more of the national credit reporting companies. You may obtain a free copy of your credit report online at www.annualcreditreport.com, by calling toll-free 1-877-322-8228, or by mailing an Annual Credit Report Request Form (available at www.annualcreditreport.com) to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA, 30348-5281. You may also purchase a copy of your credit report by contacting one or more of the three national credit reporting agencies listed below.

Equifax®
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com

Experian
P.O. Box 9701
Allen, TX 75013-9701
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com

TransUnion®
P.O. Box 1000
Chester, PA 19016-1000
1-800-888-4213
www.transunion.com

When you receive your credit reports, review them carefully. Look for accounts or creditor inquiries that you did not initiate or do not recognize. Look for information, such as home address and Social Security number that is not accurate. If you see anything you do not understand, call the credit reporting agency at the telephone number on the report.

Credit Freeze

You have the right to put a security freeze, also known as a credit freeze, on your credit file, so that no new credit can be opened in your name without the use of a Personal Identification Number (PIN) that is issued to you when you initiate a freeze. A credit freeze is designed to prevent potential credit grantors from accessing your credit report without your consent. If you place a credit freeze, potential creditors and other third parties will not be able to access your credit report unless you temporarily lift the freeze. Therefore, using a credit freeze may delay your ability to obtain credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. Should you wish to place a credit freeze, please contact all three major consumer reporting agencies listed below.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-800-685-1111
www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013-9554
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/freeze/center.html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
1-888-909-8872
www.transunion.com/credit-freeze

You must separately place a credit freeze on your credit file at each credit reporting agency. The following information should be included when requesting a credit freeze:

- 1) Full name, with middle initial and any suffixes;
- 2) Social Security number;
- 3) Date of birth (month, day, and year);
- 4) Current address and previous addresses for the past five (5) years;
- 5) Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
- 6) Other personal information as required by the applicable credit reporting agency;

If you request a credit freeze online or by phone, then the credit reporting agencies have one (1) business day after receiving your request to place a credit freeze on your credit file report. If you request a lift of the credit freeze online or by phone, then the credit reporting agency must lift the freeze within one (1) hour. If you request a credit freeze or lift of a credit freeze by mail, then the credit agency must place or lift the credit freeze no later than three (3) business days after getting your request.

Fraud Alerts

You also have the right to place an initial or extended fraud alert on your file at no cost. An initial fraud alert lasts 1-year and is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting 7 years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the agencies listed below. The agency you contact will then contact the other two credit agencies.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788
1-888-766-0008
www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013-9554
1-888-397-3742
www.experian.com/fraud/center.html

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
1-800-680-7289
www.transunion.com/fraud-victim-resource/place-fraud-alert

Monitor Your Personal Health Information

If applicable to your situation, we recommend that you regularly review the explanation of benefits statement that you receive from your insurer. If you see any service that you believe you did not receive, please contact your insurer at the number on the statement. If you do not receive the regular explanation of benefits statements, contact your provider and request them to send such statements following the provision of services in your name or number.

You may want to order copies of your credit reports and check for any medical bills that you do not recognize. If you find anything suspicious, call the credit reporting agency at the phone number on the report. Keep a copy of this notice for your records in case of future problems with your medical records. You may also want to request a copy of your medical records from your provider, to serve as a baseline. If you are a California resident, we suggest that you visit the website of the California Office of Privacy Protection at www.privacy.ca.gov to find more information about your medical privacy.

Additional Information

You can further educate yourself regarding identity theft and the steps you can take to protect yourself, by contacting your state Attorney General or the Federal Trade Commission. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should be reported to law enforcement, your Attorney General, and the FTC.

The Federal Trade Commission
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338)
TTY: 1-866-653-4261
www.ftc.gov/idtheft

For Connecticut Residents, the Connecticut Attorney General's Office may be contacted at, 55 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106, 1-860-8085318, www.ct.gov/ag.

For Maryland residents, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and www.oag.state.md.us.

For New York residents, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

For North Carolina residents, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and www.ncdoj.gov.

For Oregon residents: You are advised to report any suspected identity theft to law enforcement, including the Federal Trade Commission and the Oregon Attorney General.

For Rhode Island residents, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; www.riag.ri.gov; and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident.

For Vermont Residents, if you do not have internet access but would like to learn more about how to place a security freeze on your credit report, contact the Vermont Attorney General's Office at 802-656- 3183 (800-649-2424 toll free in Vermont only).