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December 6, 2024

VIA U.S. MAIL

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



Re: ABC Legal Services – Incident Notification

Dear Sir or Madam:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents ABC Legal Services (“ABC Legal”). I am writing to provide notification of an incident that may affect the security of personal information of approximately 1,352 Maryland residents. ABC Legal’s investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any. By providing this notice, ABC Legal does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of Maryland law or personal jurisdiction.

ABC Legal discovered unauthorized access to its network that occurred between August 7, 2024 and August 8, 2024. ABC Legal immediately launched an investigation in consultation with outside cybersecurity professionals who regularly investigate and analyze these types of situations to analyze the extent of any compromise of the information on its network. By August 8, 2024, the incident was contained and remediated. That investigation devoted considerable time and effort to determine what, if any, information was impacted by this incident. The comprehensive investigation revealed that certain files were likely taken from ABC Legal’s network by an unauthorized actor on August 7, 2024. After an extensive investigation and manual review of the files that may have been impacted, we discovered on November 11, 2024 that personal information about Maryland residents was included in at least one file that may have been taken. That information included the affected residents’ full names and one (1) or more of the following: Social Security numbers, dates of birth, driver’s license or state identification numbers, tax payer identification numbers, financial account information, biometric data, and/or health insurance information.

To date, ABC Legal is not aware of any reports of identity fraud or improper use of any information as a direct result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, ABC Legal wanted to inform you (and the affected residents) of the incident and explain the steps that it is taking to help safeguard the affected residents against identity fraud. ABC Legal is providing

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the affected residents with written notification of this incident commencing on or about December 6, 2024, in substantially the same form as the letter attached hereto. ABC Legal is offering the affected residents whose Social Security numbers were impacted complimentary one-year memberships with a credit monitoring service. ABC Legal is advising the affected residents about the process for placing fraud alerts and/or security freezes on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected residents are also being provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

At ABC Legal, protecting the privacy of personal information is a top priority. ABC Legal is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in its possession and has taken many precautions to safeguard it. ABC Legal continually evaluates and modifies its practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of personal information.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at 312.642.6738 or nkurk@mcdonaldhopkins.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. A. Kurk', is positioned above the printed name.

Nicholas A. Kurk

Encl.

ABC Legal
c/o Cyberscout
PO Box 1286
Dearborn, MI 48120-9998



December 06, 2024

IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

[REDACTED] :

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to ABC Legal Services ("ABC Legal"). ABC Legal provides certain legal solutions to its customers, including law firms, businesses, and individuals. Our services include service of process, e-filing, and skip tracing. In that capacity, ABC Legal may receive certain files that contain personal information relating to individuals from its customers. We are writing with important information regarding a recent security incident. We wanted to provide you with information about the incident, explain the services we are making available to you, and let you know that we continue to take significant measures to protect your personal information.

What Happened?

On August 7, 2024, we detected unusual activity in ABC Legal's network environment.

What We Are Doing

Upon learning of an issue, we secured our network and launched an immediate investigation in consultation with outside cybersecurity professionals to evaluate the extent of the impact on ABC Legal's network environment. By August 8, 2024, the incident was contained and remediated. We devoted considerable time and effort to determine what, if any, information was impacted by this incident. Our comprehensive investigation revealed that certain files were likely taken from our network by an unauthorized actor on August 7, 2024. After an extensive investigation and manual review of the files that may have been impacted, we discovered on November 11, 2024 that your personal information was included in at least one file that may have been taken.

What Information Was Involved?

Based on our comprehensive investigation, we discovered that the types of information involved included [REDACTED]

What You Can Do

To date, we are not aware of any reports of identity fraud or improper use of your personal information as a direct result of this incident. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we are providing you with access to **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring/Single Bureau Credit Report/Single Bureau Credit Score** services at no charge. These services provide you with alerts for twelve months from the date of enrollment when changes occur to your credit file. This notification is sent to you the same day that the change or update takes place with the bureau. Finally, we are providing you with proactive fraud assistance to help with any questions that you might have or in event that you become a victim of fraud.



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These services will be provided by Cyberscout, a TransUnion company specializing in fraud assistance and remediation services. **Please see enrollment instructions on the next page.**

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a fraud alert and security freeze on your credit files, and obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

For More Information.

We sincerely regret that this incident occurred. ABC Legal is committed to maintaining the privacy of personal information in our possession and have taken many precautions to safeguard it. We continually evaluate and modify our practices and internal controls to enhance the security and privacy of your personal information.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our dedicated and confidential toll-free response line that we have set up to respond to questions at 1-833-833-1325. This response line is staffed with professionals familiar with this incident and knowledgeable on what you can do to protect against misuse of your information. The response line is available Monday through Friday, 8am to 8pm Eastern time.

Sincerely,

ABC Legal Services

- OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION -

1. Enrolling in Complimentary twelve months Credit Monitoring.

To enroll in Credit Monitoring services at no charge, please log on to <https://bfs.cyberscout.com/activate> and follow the instructions provided. When prompted please provide the following unique code to receive services: [REDACTED]. In order for you to receive the monitoring services described above, you must enroll within 90 days from the date of this letter. The enrollment requires an internet connection and e-mail account and may not be available to minors under the age of 18 years of age. Please note that when signing up for monitoring services, you may be asked to verify personal information for your own protection to confirm your identity.



2. Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 24 month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one-year "fraud alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any one of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax

P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/>
(800) 525-6285

Experian

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013

<https://www.experian.com/fraud/center.html>
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion

Fraud Victim Assistance Department
P.O. Box 2000

Chester, PA 19016-2000
<https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts>
(800) 680-7289

3. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "security freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting all three nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to all three credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze

P.O. Box 105788
Atlanta, GA 30348-5788

<https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/>
(888)-298-0045

Experian Security Freeze

P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013

<http://experian.com/freeze>
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion Security Freeze

P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094

<https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze>
(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from each of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call **1-877-322-8228** or request your free credit reports online at **www.annualcreditreport.com**. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

5. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If this notice letter states that your financial account information and/or credit or debit card information was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect your account, including whether you should close your account or obtain a new account number.

Iowa Residents: You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov, Telephone: 515-281-5164.

Maryland Residents: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, <https://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/>, Telephone: 888-743-0023.

Massachusetts Residents: Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain a police report in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

New York Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; <https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft>; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, www.ncdoj.gov/, Telephone: 877-566-7226 (Toll-free within North Carolina), 919-716-6000.

Oregon Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doj.state.or.us/, Telephone: 877-877-9392.

Washington D.C. Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 400 6th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20001, <https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection>, Telephone: 202-442-9828.