China Stole Data From Major U.S. Law Firms

A series of security breaches that stuck prestigious law firms last year was more pervasive than reported and was carried out by people with ties to the Chinese government, according to evidence reported by ***Fortune***.

In the cases studied by the magazine, hackers broke into BigLaw firm partners' email accounts and passed messages from their victims' in-boxes to outside servers.

"The evidence obtained by Fortune did not disclose a clear motive for the attack but did show the names of law firm partners targeted by the hackers," writes reporter **Jeff John Roberts**. "The practice areas of those partners include mergers and acquisitions and intellectual property, suggesting the goal of the email theft may indeed have been economic in nature."

Read the *Fortune* article.