Data Breach Trends and Tips: What State and Local Government Lawyers Need to Know

Practical Law's Mel Gates and Zach Ratzman on Thursday, January 12, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern will present a free, **75-minute webinar** that will explain recent data breach trends affecting state and local governments and provide tips on how to prepare for and help prevent a data breach or other cyber event . . . before it happens.

Topics will include:

- Why state and local governments should be thinking about data breaches and other cyber events.
- Federal and state laws concerning personal information, data security, and breach notification.
- What reasonable security measures are and how they can impact a government entity's regulatory and litigation exposure.
- The basics on today's cyber threats with recent case studies of data breaches that have affected state and local governments.
- Recommendations on how government lawyers can play a key role in protecting their organizations.

A short Q&A will follow.

Presenters:

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Zach Ratzman, Director of Public Sector, Practical Law
Zach Ratzman joined Practical Law from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Office of the General Counsel in Washington, DC, where he advised senior DHS leadership on privacy, information sharing, and congressional oversight matters. Before that, Zach worked for nearly a decade at several major New York City law firms, where his practice focused on securities and accounting fraud litigation. Before entering private practice, he clerked for the late Honorable Harold Baer, Jr. in the Southern District of New York. Zach is the Director of Practical Law's Public Sector Service.

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