Law Firm Sues Insurer Over $700K in Lost Billings Due to Ransomware Attack

A small Rhode Island law firm has filed a lawsuit against its insurance company after the insurer refused to pay $700,000 in lost billings following a ransomware attack on the firm that locked down the firm's computer files for three months, reports CloudNine's **eDiscovery Daily Blog**.

Doug Austin's report, based on a story in the ***Providence Journal***, explains that Moses Afonso Ryan Ltd. is suing its insurer, Sentinel Insurance Co., for breach of contract and bad faith. The insurer denied the plaintiff's claim for lost billings over a three-month period when the documents were frozen by a hacker's ransomware attack. The hacker encrypted the law firm's computer files, offering to unlock them if a ransom were paid.

The suit says the infection disabled the firm's computer network, meaning lawyers and staffers "were rendered essentially unproductive."

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