

## FOX GALVIN, LLC EXPANDS SERVICES OFFERED TO INCLUDE PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Today, electronically stored information is generated at an unprecedented rate. This is hardly surprising when you consider the increased accessibility and use of digital devices. The same is true on the inland waterways.

Of course, marine facilities have had computer networks interlinking multiple offices and offering data sharing both internally and externally for years; but, there was a time in the not so recent past that the only direct communication from a vessel to the shore was via radio. A laptop may have been on the vessel but it functioned like an expensive ledger book allowing the captain and crew to maintain records for the voyage which would later be uploaded when the vessel was docked. These are bygone days as modern vessels have multiple systems that allow access to company and external networks for the purpose of sending and receiving a variety of data in real time – data such as electronic mail, navigation and crewing information.

Consider also the ever increasing advancement of technology and the attendant benefits, such as improved efficiency and overhead reduction, which are all very attractive to businesses on an ever-present quest to remain competitive. The result is that today more than ever, companies are sitting on digital troves of valuable information (e.g., personal, financial and medical information of employees, various confidential and proprietary information of customers/clients as well as the company's own confidential information). Much of this information is likely protected from disclosure by the myriad of state and federal data privacy and protection laws

and is routinely handled in response to litigation, governmental information requests and subpoenas. Moreover, there are individuals who would like nothing more than to profit from the information or to disrupt critical infrastructure. Please understand, it is a myth that an entity is too small to be a target; it is nearly axiomatic that smaller entities have less resources and are often easier targets.

Fox Galvin, LLC, located in St. Louis, Missouri, has counseled and represented members of the inland maritime industry since its founding. Fox Galvin regularly assists maritime clients in a variety of areas including contracting, vessel acquisitions and financing, employment, environmental compliance, Jones Act, limitation of liability, and general litigation. Many years ago, Fox Galvin added an e-discovery practice to this list to better serve its clients in recognition of the dangers posed by improper handling. This group is led by partner, Ryan Mohr who holds multiple advanced degrees and is certified for e-discovery by an independent organization.

Continuing its tradition of service to the industry, Fox Galvin is proud to announce the addition of privacy and data security counseling. A logical expansion of the services already offered, this area is also led by Ryan Mohr. Ryan consults with clients and his partners on a variety of issues including, data management and preservation, cyber liability insurance, policy development, and

breach response. Of course, as they say, "an ounce of prevention..." so we developed a holistic approach that includes use of Cybersecurity and IT consultants to assist with both breach prevention and response, including security auditing. These consultants work with Fox Galvin to deliver exceptional results.

**For more information about Fox Galvin's Privacy and Data Security Practice, please contact Ryan Mohr at 314-588-7000, Ext. 147, or [rmohr@foxgalvin.com](mailto:rmohr@foxgalvin.com)**

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