

CASE STUDY

PROTECTING A LAW FIRM FROM CYBERATTACKS

Weatherspoon & Voltz provides legal representation to commercial real estate and corporate clients. Their team of skilled attorneys is committed to finding creative solutions, negotiating complex deals, and resolving disputes.

AT A GLANCE

CHALLENGES

- Secure Communications
- Optimize Cybersecurity
- Maintain Infrastructure

BENEFITS

- Fortified Email Protections
- Strengthened Cybersecurity
- Optimized IT infrastructure



"Net Friends is a trusted advisor. They listen to what we need and help the firm reach those goals."

BETH VOLTZ

Founding Partner

PROBLEM

Weatherspoon & Voltz is a law firm specializing in commercial real estate and corporate transactions, expertly handling high-value transactions and helping clients acquire, manage and sell assets of all sizes. This makes them a prime target for cyberattacks. Maintaining their security is crucial for client privacy, the firm's reputation, and their overall business continuity.

APPROACH

Secure Email: A comprehensive email security strategy was implemented. This involved encrypting sensitive emails, filtering out malicious content and spam, and training employees to recognize phishing attempts.

Cybersecurity Best Practices: To enhance network and device security, firewalls, intrusion detection systems, and endpoint protection solutions were implemented. Additionally, regular software updates and patch management were enforced to mitigate vulnerabilities.

Infrastructure Management: We implemented robust security measures, including cloud access controls and encryption, physical security protocols, and regular security audits to identify and address potential vulnerabilities

SOLUTION

Net Friends collaborated with Weatherspoon & Voltz to **implement a comprehensive cybersecurity strategy**, addressing a critical industry gap: the widespread neglect of cybersecurity measures within the legal sector.

The email security measures implemented by Net Friends have **reduced the risk of phishing attacks and data breaches**. Encryption ensures the confidentiality of confidential information. Advanced email filtering and spam blocking capabilities prevent malicious emails from reaching employees' inboxes, minimizing the risk of malware infections. Moreover, regular cybersecurity awareness training has empowered employees to recognize and avoid phishing attempts that may slip past the filtering, strengthening the firm's overall security posture.

Beth shared, "We have encountered instances of suspicious links in emails. To verify the legitimacy of such messages, we always prioritize a phone call to confirm the information's authenticity. **Given the volume of emails, I process daily—around 600—these split-second decisions are crucial.**"

The strengthened **network and endpoint security significantly reduced the impact of potential cyberattacks**. Firewalls and intrusion detection systems safeguarded the network infrastructure, while endpoint protection solutions shielded devices from malware and ransomware. Regular software updates and patch management further minimized vulnerabilities, enhancing the overall security posture.

By combining these recommended strategies, Weatherspoon & Voltz have successfully enhanced their overall cybersecurity resilience. **The firm's commitment to ongoing security awareness training and regular security assessments ensures that they remain well-prepared to address emerging cyber threats.**