Cyberinsurance Issues Coming for 2019

Trends, Vendor Management, and Practical Tips For In House Counsel

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Overview of Topics

**Trends**
Trends related to insurance for cyber risks, both in terms of offerings from the insurance industry and what companies should expect at renewal, and in terms of how these policies have been tested and interpreted by courts.

**Vendor management**
Best practices for in-house counsel asking vendors to carry cyber insurance, including what coverage, which vendors, and other need-to-know issues.

**In-house checklist**
Tips on what in-house counsel should understand about cyber insurance, from what’s covered and what exclusions carriers raise, and what they need to be asking their risk managers at the time of purchase and if there’s an incident.
Trends

1. Changes in policy offerings
2. Forecasts for premiums
3. What have courts said?
Changes in policy offerings
Changes in policy offerings

A. Social engineering fraud endorsements
B. Lost revenues due to reputational harm
C. “Bricking coverage”
D. Coverage for PCI-based liabilities
E. Cloud-based triggers
F. Business interruption
   i. System failure triggers
   ii. Waiting period
   iii. Contingent business interruption
G. Retroactive dates and full prior act coverage
Trends

Forecasts for premiums
2. Forecasts for premiums

a. The market remains very competitive with new markets and additional capacity available.

b. Lockton expects it to be moving towards uncertainty or correction within the next 6- to 18 months as increased first party activity have pushed underwriters to reassess their rating models for Business Interruption.

c. Classes of business that continue to be highly scrutinized: healthcare, energy, education, retail, hospitality, and technology.
What have courts said?
3. **What have courts said?**

Failure to maintain security / blame the policyholder’s conduct
What have courts said? Failure to maintain security/ blame the policyholders conduct

  (E.D. Mo. May 11, 2009), settled and dismissed
  (Jul. 26, 2010)

Columbia Cas. Co. v. Cottage Health Sys.
  No. 15-03432 (C.D. Cal. May 7, 2015);
  Cottage Health Sys. v. Columbia Cas. Co.,
  No. 16CV02310 (Cal. Super. Ct. May 31, 2016);
  Columbia Cas. Co. v. Cottage Health Sys., No. 16-03759
  (C.D. Cal. May 31, 2016)

  No. 14-170 TS (D. Utah May 11, 2015)
3. **What have courts said?**

PCI-related coverage and sublimits
What have courts said: PCI-related coverage and sublimits

WL 3055111 (D. Ariz. May 31, 2016)


Other PCI-related sublimit cases

Other types of insurance policies?
3. What have courts said?

Business email compromise coverage
What have courts said? Business email compromise coverage

895 F.3d 455 (6th Cir. 2018)

Other business email compromise cases
3. What have courts said?

Sublimits
National Bank of Blacksburg v. Everest
Nat’l Ins. Co., No. 7:18-CV-310 (W.D. Va.)
3. What have courts said?

Overlapping coverage for cyber / privacy risks
Trends
What have courts said? Overlapping coverage for cyber/privacy risks

**Atlantic Spec. Ins. Co. v. Premera Blue Cross**
No. 15-1927, dkts. 75, 77 (W.D. Wash.)

**Innovak Int’l, Inc. v. Hanover Ins. Co.**
No. 18-2453 (M.D. Fla. Nov. 17, 2017)

**Zurich Am. Ins. Co. v. Sony Corp. of Am.**

**Spec’s Family Partners Ltd. v. Hanover Ins. Co.**
2018 WL 3120794 (5th Cir. June 25, 2018)

EPLI; Kidnap, Ransom, & Extortion
Vendor Management

- Cyberinsurance Requirements
  - What to require?
  - What limits to request?
  - Which vendors?

- Insurance vs. Indemnity Agreements
In-House Checklist:

- Who’s who?
- Basic coverages within cyberinsurance
- Traps to coverage
- Best practices for discussions with your risk managers at the time of purchase
- Best practices at the time of claim?
In-House Checklist:

The list of players

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1. Privacy / cybersecurity / defense counsel
   a. Usually recommended by or agreed to by the insurer; paid by the insurer
   b. Directs investigation and defends claims and lawsuits against the insured

2. Forensic firm
   a. Usually recommended by or agreed to by the insurer; paid by the insurer
   b. Performs forensic investigation

3. Coverage counsel
   a. Not recommended by the insurer; not paid by the insurer
   b. Provides advice as to how coverage should apply to the claim and losses
In-House Checklist:

Basic coverages within cyberinsurance
In-House Checklist: Basic coverages within cyberinsurance

1. In the beginning (forensics)
   a. Did something go wrong? (“First Party Breach Response”)

2. Working through initial obligations under state and federal law
   a. Something went wrong ... or maybe it did ... and we need to do something about it (“First Party Breach Response”)
3. Third party lawsuits, regulatory investigations, liabilities, and claims
   a. Someone’s accusing us of doing something wrong, including a privacy breach, network security breach, or inability to access our services (“Third Party Liability Coverage”)
   b. Business customers think that we did something wrong (“Tech E&O”)
   c. Someone alleges that we published something that was defamatory, infringing, or otherwise (“Multimedia Liability”)
   d. Regulators want to determine if we did something wrong (“Regulatory Investigation,” “Regulatory Claim,” “Regulatory Action,” etc.)
   e. Payment card brands and/or processors think that we did something wrong [Area of contention]
4. **Business impact, lost sales**
   a. Our reputation has been harmed (Reputational harm coverage; “First Party Breach Response”/PR)

5. **Impact on the ability to conduct business**
   a. Our business has been interrupted or it’s more expensive to stay in business (“Business Interruption,” “Extra Expense,” “Contingent BI/EE”)
      a. Note the triggers: cyberattack and system failure?
   b. Our business was interrupted because of a third party’s interruption or failure (“Dependent Business Interruption,” “Dependent System Failure”)
   c. Our data is gone (“Data Restoration”)

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**In-House Checklist:** Basic coverages within cyberinsurance
6. Threats to expose or delete data
   a. Someone is threatening to expose our data ("Cyber Extortion")
   b. Someone has locked up our data and/or network ("Ransomware/Cyber Extortion")

7. Spear phishing/spoofing
   a. Business Email Compromise / Someone fraudulently induced us to wire funds
      [Area of contention – cyberinsurance and crime insurance]
   b. Someone hacked our email and induced business partners to act  (Multiple
      coverages – cyberinsurance and crime insurance?)
   c. Someone fraudulently induced us to send out sensitive data  (Multiple coverages)
8. **Other third party liability claims**
   a. People say that we texted or faxed them without permission (Exclusions?)
   b. People say that we collected their information (e.g., ZIP codes) without permission (Exclusions?)

9. **Non-claim based additional services and benefits**
   a. Discounted cybersecurity services (and possibly free initial time for breach response services)
   b. Table top exercises
   c. Breach coaching
In-House Checklist:

Traps to coverage
1. **Cloud- and vendor-related issues**
   
a. Is the cloud within the insuring agreement or definition of “computer system”?  
   
i. For third party risks?  
   
ii. For traditional first party risks?  
   
b. What policy limits and retentions apply to cloud-based losses?
2. Notable exclusions specific to health-related information?
   a. How does the policy cover obligations as a covered entity vs. business associate?
      (And other contractual liability questions?)
   b. How does the policy cover investigations by and resolutions with agencies?

3. Sublimits?
   a. Will excess coverage drop down if there are sublimits?
4. Exclusions for failure to maintain security/rescission
5. Retroactive date
   a. Full prior acts coverage?
   b. Same retroactive date throughout the tower?
6. Panel counsel, panel vendors
   a. Required use of panel counsel, vendors?
   b. Rate issues?
7. Business email compromise losses
   a. Crime insurance, cyberinsurance, endorsements, and sublimits
8. Fines and penalties
   a. Choice of law issues?
In-House Checklist: Traps to Coverage

9. Claims handling reputation?

10. Other policies? (Ignore conventional wisdom)
   a. Crime insurance
   b. CGL
   c. D&O
   d. E&O
   e. EPLI
   f. Kidnap, Ransom & Extortion
   g. Property
11. Vendor coverage requirements
   a. “Usual” insurance requirements
   b. Insurance for cyber risks
      i. Types of coverage? (Tech E&O, cyberinsurance?)
      ii. Limits?
      iii. Ideal terms and conditions?
         1) Consider working with broker and/or counsel familiar with insurance issues
      iv. Additional insured status?
In-House Checklist:

Best practices for discussions with your risk managers at the time of purchase
1. How does that compare to last year’s coverage, including limits, retentions, and terms?

2. Should you expand the coverages that you are buying, either terms, limits, or both?

What affirmative coverages are you buying?
In-House Checklist:

- How has the offered policy form changed since last year?
- What changes have occurred within or outside the company that you would want to raise during the process?
- Is it time to comparison shop?
- What new cyber or privacy risks have manifested or legal changes have passed that you would like to have covered?
In-House Checklist: Best practices for discussions with your risk managers at the time of purchase

- Sublimits?
- Retroactive date?
- Policy not construed against the drafter?
- Contractual-based exclusions?
- PCI coverage?
- Exclusions specific to your line(s) of business
- Business email compromise coverage?

What about traps?
Do you have the ability to use the law firm and vendors of your choice?
In-House Checklist: Best practices for discussions with your risk managers at the time of purchase

Are there differences in terms between the primary and excess layer(s)?

Will excess layers drop down or attach if there is a donut hole?

How is your excess program structured?
In-House Checklist:

Getting Claims Covered
In-House Checklist: Getting Claims Covered

1. Establish effective lines of communication
   a. Cast a wide net for a broad understanding of how insurance will (or won’t) cover (including your own and third parties’)
      i. Consider closely the possibility of other types of insurance policies providing coverage
      ii. Consider whether vendors’ insurance will apply
      iii. Consider whether a third party should indemnify your company
   b. Look for coordination between legal and risk management
   c. Think early and often about notice
In-House Checklist: Getting Claims Covered

2. Pay close attention to carrier position letters and consider carefully your next steps
   a. Who on the team is working on response letters?
   b. Do your team members have the experience to respond to the issues best?

3. Be cognizant of a duty to cooperate, a tri-partite privilege, and insurance company buy-in
Questions? More Information?

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