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New Fraudulent E-Mail Targeting Lawyers

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Dear Illinois Lawyers,

A new phishing attack targeting lawyers has been reported recently by state disciplinary authorities in District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Missouri and California. Emails received by lawyers in those states purport to notify the lawyer of a disciplinary complaint, usually with the subject line “Bar Complaint” or something similar, in an attempt to lure the lawyer into responding by clicking on links to files that open malicious software.

The ARDC has received several reports of this happening to Illinois lawyers. If you receive one of these fraudulent emails, please do not respond or click on any attachments. **Delete it immediately.**

The ARDC DOES NOT notify lawyers of the initiation of disciplinary investigations via email except when there is difficulty in contacting the lawyer via U.S. mail. If you have questions regarding an email that purports to be from the ARDC, please contact the ARDC at either our Chicago or Springfield offices.

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