

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

DIGITAL INVESTIGATIONS & CYBER DEFENSE

We bring a legal discipline to our approach, and our professionals understand the evolving threats and challenging regulatory and public relations landscape in which many digital investigations are conducted.

The digitization of our personal and professional lives has resulted in a rapidly-changing threat landscape and increased risks businesses are faced with on a daily basis. Key evidence lies entwined amongst hard drives, mobile devices, and the Cloud, and cyber-based threats have evolved into organized criminal syndicates, hacktivist groups, nation-states, insiders, and even cyber-terrorist organizations. By identifying and understanding these threats, organizations can begin to quantify the risks associated with them and build proper defenses and mitigation plans.

We know our clients need a trusted advisor who can speak beyond the “ones and zeros” of cybersecurity and translate the threat into business risk terms.

With a premier team of cybersecurity professionals and digital investigators around the world, Nardello & Co.’s dedicated Digital Investigations & Cyber Defense practice offers comprehensive digital investigations, incident response, and cyber defense consulting services to law firms, corporations, financial institutions, governments and high-net-worth individuals in the US and virtually anywhere on the globe.

What Sets Us Apart

Nardello & Co.’s adherence to our core values has led clients to retain us time and again. Our relationships are built on:

- **Integrity.** Acting ethically and legally is of paramount importance to us. We respect the laws of the countries in which we have offices and in the jurisdictions in which we work. Our clients’ confidences are sacrosanct and we rigorously screen for conflicts.
- **Analysis. Creativity. Thoroughness.** We don’t believe in menu-driven investigations or a democracy of facts. We are exhaustive but focused and adept at teasing out inferences, providing corroboration and separating “information” from evidence.
- **Responsiveness. Hands-on management.** We focus on our clients’ objectives and tailor our investigative strategies accordingly. There are no layers between the professionals who do the work and the clients we serve.
- **Client focus.** We communicate with our clients clearly, succinctly and in real time. We respect budgets and deadlines.
- **Independence. Collaboration.** We are independently owned and answer only to our clients—not investors, not shareholders. Our offices collaborate, not compete, providing our clients with seamless service.

WE FIND OUT

WE PREPARE

Leveraging globally accepted policies and methodologies such as the NIST Cybersecurity Framework, we develop bespoke cyber defense programs designed to help our clients proactively manage and mitigate cyber risk, improve their security posture, and prepare for future cyber incidents.

WE INVESTIGATE

Unlike many of our competitors, Nardello & Co.'s Digital Investigations & Cyber Defense practice benefits from the insight of our professionals who are former federal prosecutors, cybercrime law enforcement officials, U.S. Department of Homeland Security personnel, and white collar lawyers and litigators with extensive experience managing complex cyber matters and utilizing the results of digital investigations. This allows us to offer an additional perspective throughout the process, staying alert to possible nuances that could be legally relevant down the road.

WE RECOVER

Our post-incident remediation services help clients navigate the legal and regulatory aftermath of a major data breach. We are there to assist at every stage as clients mobilize their breach notification process, providing expert witness services, as well as responding to post-incident litigation and regulatory inquiries.

OUR SERVICES

- **Incident Response & Crisis Management.** We help clients respond tactically and strategically to unplanned cyber events by deploying a multidisciplinary team of digital investigators and breach responders that contain and eradicate the threat actor from a client's environment. All while focusing on business continuity and minimizing financial impact.
- **Computer Forensic Investigations.** We can image, preserve and investigate all manners of digital data, including data on hard drives, publicly available websites, mobile devices, flash drives, network servers and the Cloud.
- **Cyber Threat Assessments.** We provide clients with a customized, comprehensive analysis of the cyber threat landscape as it applies to their business, their industry, and their geographic footprint, enabling them to make informed risk-based decisions.
- **Cyber Simulation Exercises.** Our scenario-based "table-top" exercises are highly tailored to reflect the true cyber-based threats facing your organization, and are designed to exercise and strengthen your organization's plan and ability to respond quickly and effectively to cyber, or other crisis-related incidents.
- **Cyber Due Diligence.** We provide our clients with the insight and intelligence they need to properly assess and evaluate the cyber-based risk associated with future business partners, M&A deals, or other third-party relationships.
- **Cyber Defense Consulting.** We develop bespoke solutions to help clients proactively manage and mitigate cyber risk, improve their security posture, and prepare for future cyber incidents. Leveraging our legal-focused approach, we help clients translate cyber threats into business risk, allowing them to make informed, strategic, risk-based decisions.
- **Social Media Analysis & Deep/Dark Web Research.** We help our clients analyze and resolve social media-related challenges, including dealing with social media harassment or libel campaigns, analyzing social media relationships of third parties and capturing social media evidence.
- **Compliance & Best Practices Guidance.** We provide digital compliance counseling and best practices guidance, working closely with law firms to help our clients ensure their online practices mitigate against risk and remain cutting edge.

SELECT DIGITAL INVESTIGATIONS & CYBER DEFENSE EXPERIENCE



Case Study | **Cyber Investigation in the Middle East**

Nardello & Co. was retained by a US law firm on behalf of one of the largest companies in the Middle East. The company had suffered a serious data breach and had already retained other investigative firms, all of which provided inaccurate conclusions due to their inability to analyze certain key digital evidence. Through inquiries with confidential sources in the cyber-crime community, extensive research and careful analysis of our findings, we correctly identified the parties responsible for the security breach.



Case Study | **Senior Exec's Elaborate Embezzlement Scheme**

We were retained by an international construction engineering company to conduct an investigation into the activities of a former senior employee who had defrauded the company and laundered the proceeds through an elaborate scheme of bogus procurement contracts, which he had signed on behalf of the company using sham firms and cronies. We conducted a comprehensive forensic examination of relevant computers and devices, interviewed key witnesses and researched the activities of the relevant parties involved. As a result, we identified key digital evidence and human intelligence which assisted the client in the successful launch of a money laundering and criminal fraud investigation against the former employee.



Case Study | **Bribery Cocktail in Hungary Goes Sour**

We were retained by one of the largest law firms in the world to conduct an internal investigation on behalf of a European client who suspected that one of its senior employees bribed a Hungarian official. During the course of our investigation, we conducted field interviews, performed a computer forensic review of the employee's hard drive and undertook a comprehensive analysis of whether the Hungarian who received the suspect payments was a government official. Our diligent digital forensic and investigative work revealed that the recipient was in fact a government official, and also illuminated evidence of a more elaborate bribery scheme.

About our firm

Nardello & Co. is a global investigations firm with experienced professionals handling a broad range of issues including the FCPA/ UK Bribery Act and other corruption-related investigations, civil and white collar criminal litigation and arbitration support, asset tracing, strategic intelligence and political risk assessment, computer forensics, and reputational due diligence. Our clients include the world's leading law firms and financial institutions, Fortune 500 and FTSE 100 companies, high-net-worth individuals and family offices, governments, NGOs, sports organizations and academic institutions. With offices in New York, London, Washington DC, Atlanta, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Milan and Dubai, Nardello & Co.'s professional staff includes former US federal prosecutors, US and international lawyers, former general counsels of multinational corporations, former cyber-crimes law enforcement, senior officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and intelligence operatives, licensed investigators, research analysts, journalists, financial crime specialists, forensic accountants and computer forensic experts.

Why risk it?

Whether you have an urgent situation today or something stirring on the horizon, whenever, wherever you need us, we'll work with you to develop custom solutions to meet your needs.

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