

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

PHYSICAL SECURITY & REPUTATIONAL THREAT MITIGATION

Our dedicated team helps clients identify and mitigate business-interrupting or potentially life-threatening security risks. With experience leading security and cyber risk teams at the FBI, CIA, US Department of Defense, and in-house, our team members have helped clients identify and prevent or minimize the impact of highly complex security threats. We implement solutions we hope you never need, but if you do - you'll be glad you trusted us.

With heightened political divisions, rising social tension, and the rapid evolution of technology that expands the forums to spread misinformation and collude on malicious attacks, the frequency and complexity of security risks are on the rise.

Today, there is a greater need to maintain thoughtful physical security programs, conduct online assessments, and evaluate risk exposure in anticipation of a security threat. The importance of adopting protective measures to blunt potential threats has increased.

Our record of success in assisting companies with highly complex security assignments and related investigations is unparalleled. Our professionals have spent their careers conducting threat assessment research and reviewing security plans and systems.

With more than 20 years of experience advising clients in high stakes security risk matters, we draw on our diverse backgrounds as former federal law enforcement officials, data breach response and digital forensic investigators, AI specialists, information security analysts, and intelligence operatives to provide practical and effective solutions to security risk.

Our Services

With Nardello & Co. as your best kept secret, we've got you covered with worldwide capabilities working in your best interest:

- Due Diligence
 - Third-Party Agent & Intermediaries
 - Board & Senior Executive Vetting
- Anti-Corruption & Fraud Investigations
 - Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
 - UK Bribery Act Investigation
 - Fraud Investigation Services
 - Forensic Accounting Services
- Litigation & Arbitration Support
 - White Collar Criminal Defense
 - Civil Litigation Support
 - Arbitration Support
- Asset Tracing
- Activist Defense
- Political Risk & Strategic Intelligence
- Digital Investigations & Cyber Defense
- Monitorships & Independent Investigations
- Compliance
- Bankruptcy & Restructuring Support

OUR CORE AREAS OF EXPERTISE INLCUDE

- **Online monitoring to identify threats to facilities, individuals, or events**
 - **Physical security assessment and the design of integrated security programs**
 - **Technical surveillance countermeasures exercises, commonly known as ‘bug sweeps’**
 - **Examining computers, personal devices, and cellular telephones for malware or surveillance software**
 - **Executive protection for high-profile, high-risk individuals, including CEOs and celebrities**
 - **Active shooter risk assessments**
 - **Identification of suspects in acts of violence, vandalism, or other malicious activity**
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Online Monitoring to Identify Threats

To safeguard facilities, individuals, and events, our team has engaged in long-term monitoring of social media accounts and other sites to identify and gauge the seriousness of those purporting to be threat actors. With a nuanced understanding of the difference between constitutionally protected speech and actionable threats, our team is often called upon by those who have earned the enmity of certain members of the online community. Our team:

- Monitors media, social media, messaging platforms, deep web and dark web forums, and other online sources for adverse commentary or activity targeting a client
 - Distinguishes actionable threat information from opinion and evaluates the seriousness of threats by applying criteria, such as geographic proximity, to adverse commentary that targets a client, event, facility, or personnel
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Physical Security Assessment

An enterprise must test the adequacy of its physical security program. To conduct a successful assessment, one must understand the threat, prioritize the defense of the areas most likely to be exploited, and review the facility’s vulnerabilities to identify the ways in which a threat actor can exploit them. A successful onsite assessment will either confirm the efficacy of, or lead to the improvement of, an enterprise’s physical security program. We assess whether the existing physical security program serves to:

- Deter trespassing and security probing attempts
 - Detect, identify, and track trespassers and alert security personnel to possible threats and attempts at unauthorized entry
 - Assess the magnitude of an intrusion and the intent of the intruder
 - Frustrate the efforts of intruders to realize their objectives
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Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Exercises

Threat actors constantly seek advantages. One illegal avenue they may pursue is the collection of competitive intelligence, intellectual property, or litigation strategies through the placement of eavesdropping devices (commonly referred to as ‘bugs’) in an office or residence. Deploying expertise gained in protecting our nation’s secrets, our staff is well versed in detecting and countering this threat by devising technical countermeasures to prevent the leakage of your sensitive data through bugging.

Executive Protection

To safeguard high-profile at-risk individuals such as corporate executives, celebrities, or high-net-worth individuals, we offer specialized security measures designed to mitigate threats and minimize risks to our clients. Our executive protection program incorporates several components:

- Media and online review to identify trends or indicators of hostility
 - Interviews and fact gathering to determine threat level
 - Ongoing monitoring to identify online threats - with a focus on *Facebook* and *X*, formerly known as *Twitter*
 - Behavioral assessment of threat actors
 - Preparation of referrals for law enforcement assistance
 - Identification, evaluation, and management of physical security providers
 - Undertaking defensive research and privacy 'stress tests' to identify exposures of personal information and weaknesses in a given online profile that can be exploited by malefactors
 - Designing an online presence that mitigates the potential for unauthorized information transfer
 - Tailoring an executive protection package that prioritizes personal safety while minimizing disruption to the subject's life
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Active Shooter Risk Assessments

The frequency of active shooter incidents has increased in recent years, affecting numerous places where people congregate, such as schools, workplaces, houses of worship, shopping malls, and movie theaters. Unfortunately, these events highlight the need to increase preparedness and strengthen deterrents. We will:

- Assess a company's overall security posture
- Determine a company's ability to prevent or mitigate an active shooter incident
- Formulate an action plan to address an active shooter on company property
- Conduct a threat assessment to gauge enterprise risks posed by former employees and the general public

Nardello & Co. can also work to shield employees and the public from secondary risks by:

- Conducting site assessments, focusing on evacuation routes, shelter areas, and methods by which the public can communicate with first responders
 - Assessing the potential for crowd surges, protests, and street violence
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Identification of Suspects in Acts of Violence, Vandalism, or other Malicious Activity

Individuals who believe themselves to have been slighted by an organization may seek to exact 'revenge.' This can manifest itself in the spread of misinformation through personal or professional networks, harassment, acts of vandalism, and individually-targeted acts of violence at a residence or office. Our team members, who have built their careers working on these matters in law enforcement positions, are uniquely placed to assist with:

- Conducting online research and other types of investigation to identify potential suspects
 - Collecting and analyzing evidence to bring subjects to justice
 - Making referrals to law enforcement on the federal, state, or local level
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WHAT SETS US APART

Nardello & Co.'s adherence to core values has led clients to retain us time and again on matters of the utmost importance and sensitivity. Our relationships are built on:

- **Integrity.** Acting ethically and legally is of paramount importance to us. We respect the laws of the countries and the jurisdictions in which we work. We regard our clients' confidences as sacrosanct and we rigorously screen for conflicts.
- **Analysis. Creativity. Thoroughness.** We don't believe in menu-driven investigations or a democracy of facts. Our investigations are exhaustive but focused. We are 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 to investors, not to shareholders. Instead of competing, our offices collaborate to provide our clients with seamless service.

Why risk it?

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

About our firm

Nardello & Co. is a global investigations firm whose experienced professionals handle a broad range of issues including due diligence, anti-corruption and fraud investigations, civil and white collar criminal litigation and arbitration support, asset tracing, activist defense, political risk and strategic intelligence, digital investigations and cyber defense, monitorships and independent investigations, and compliance.

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, non-governmental organizations, sports leagues, and academic institutions.

With offices in New York, Washington DC, Los Angeles, London, Dubai, Singapore, and Hong Kong, Nardello & Co. maintains a professional staff that includes former US federal prosecutors, US and international lawyers, former law enforcement personnel and intelligence operatives, licensed investigators, research analysts, former journalists, financial crime specialists, forensic accountants, and computer forensic experts.

Nardello & Co. has been recognized for many years by Chambers and Partners as the best investigative firm in the United States, and one of the only firms with truly global capabilities.

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