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LS-ISAO ANNOUNCES NEW THREAT-SHARING MEMBERSHIP TIER

Reston, VA - February 23, 2017– The Legal Services Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (LS-ISAO) will introduce an additional membership tier on March 1, 2017. The offering is designed for local and regional firms, as well as individual law practitioners, who recognize the need for intelligence services that prevent and help respond to cyber and physical threats.

The new “Core Tier” of membership will be available to LS-ISAO applicants interested in a basic threat sharing package. The annual fee will be \$2000 USD, and this membership level will be open to organizations with revenue under \$50 million USD per year. The LS-ISAO’s Executive Committee recognizes that there is greater strength through sharing, and this latest offering is designed to expand the community defense model.

“Cyber security attacks are not limited to large organizations. With more participation and input from firms of all sizes, the LS-ISAO will be able to paint an even clearer picture of the evolving threat landscape affecting legal services organizations, and improve upon the already valuable intel being provided for our mutual defense,” said Jon Washburn, Director of Information Security at Stoel Rives LLP.

LS-ISAO Core Tier membership benefits will include:

- **Cyber Security Threat Alerts and Advisories from trusted partners and government entities (subset based on LS-ISAO sharing protocol)**
 - Trusted Partner Reports on threats from other critical industries
 - Government sourced alerts on regional and global security issues
 - Government sourced updates on network defense and intrusion investigations
- **Intelligence Headlines Reports**
 - Open source intelligence reporting tailored toward the legal community, produced by LS-ISAO Analysts and containing analyst notes and recommendations.
- **Legal Services Vulnerability Information**
 - LS-ISAO vulnerability reports on systems and networks commonly used in the legal services industry
- **Ability by Members to submit information to the LS-ISAO Analyst Team**
 - Core members can submit information on threats, vulnerabilities and incidents, to an LS-ISAO analyst via phone and email, anonymously or with attribution. This function is voluntary. Content is reviewed and disseminated to the rest of the sharing community to strengthen the mutual defense.

Additional functionality is available at the Standard membership tier.

Successful Defense

Whether targeted for intellectual property, confidential business communications, or digital backdoor access to clients, the legal industry today faces increased pressure from criminals and sophisticated actors seeking to commit espionage, gain unfair competitive advantages, or damage a firm’s practice.

“Last year, LS-ISAO’s Security Operations Center helped quickly uncover the fact that proprietary and confidential information directly related to the legal sector had been stolen by criminals and was being trafficked on the Dark Web, potentially impacting nearly 3,000 members of an association. LS-ISAO analysts properly and confidentially notified the affected parties of the database leak, allowing firms to take mitigating action using the best practices and guidance the LS-ISAO provided. That was just one incident of more than 1,000 threat reports, specific to the legal sector, provided to the LS-ISAO membership to enable its community to defend itself,” said Cindy Donaldson, COO of FS-ISAC Sector Services, the supporting organization of LS-ISAO.

The LS-ISAO community is recognized by its membership as one of the best defenses against cyber threats and physical attacks. Law firms continue to join the LS-ISAO in order to ‘trust-source’ threat indicators with industry peers and gain additional intelligence via analysts who research, anonymize, and disseminate actionable product in real and near-real time. LS-ISAO has expanded to 113 member firms in less than two years, making it the fastest growing ISAO in any industry. This impressive growth highlights the legal services industry’s understanding of the threats arrayed against it and its determination to defend itself through robust intelligence sharing.

“The legal community needs LS-ISAO: a safe place to share information about threats and countermeasures, a means to get actionable intelligence from peers in our industry and from other private and government sources,” said William Kyrouz, Director of Information Security, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

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About LS-ISAO

The Legal Services Information Sharing and Analysis Organization (LS-ISAO) is a member-driven organization with the mission to provide a secure framework for sharing actionable threat and vulnerability information in partnership with leading sources of threat intelligence, while fostering member collaboration with and among other key sectors and government agencies to prevent and respond to cyber security incidents.

LS-ISAO LLC is supported by the Sector Services division of Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center, which provides intelligence sharing services to 7000 members globally.