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For Immediate Release:

Lashly & Baer, P.C. Launches Data Breach and Cybersecurity Group

Monday, February 24, 2025 (St. Louis, Missouri) – Lashly & Baer, P.C. is announcing the launch of its Data Breach and Cybersecurity Group in response to the rapid increase in data breaches. The Group reflects Lashly & Baer’s commitment to assisting clients in navigating the complex challenges of cybersecurity and data breaches.

The Group will assist clients with all aspects of cybersecurity, including:

- **Planning for data breaches**, including analyzing cybersecurity insurance, preparing data breach response plans, and legal compliance.
- **Responding to data breaches**, including interactions with law enforcement and responses to regulatory inquiries.
- **Litigating data breaches**, including insurance coverage disputes, and class actions.

The Group formalizes a longstanding team that has assisted clients with cybersecurity in tightly regulated industries like finance and health care. “Lashly’s guidance and advice regarding data and security breaches has been crucial to us and put us in a great position going forward,” said Matthew Levison, President of Delmar Mortgage Company.

Data breaches are among the costliest threats businesses currently face:

- Cyber attacks increased 71 percent in 2024.
- The average cost of a data breach was \$4.88 million in 2024.
- Businesses with fewer than 500 employees reported that the average cost of a data breach increased from \$2.92 million to \$3.31 million in 2023 – and the costs keep rising.
- About 98 percent of businesses have at least one third-party vendor that has suffered a data breach.

“Cybersecurity is one of the most pressing concerns for businesses today,” said Judge Jimmie Edwards, Counsel at Lashly & Baer. “We encourage clients to be proactive in addressing threats.

Consider your insurance coverage, data breach response plan, and possible litigation before a data breach occurs.”

The Lashly & Baer Cybersecurity Group includes attorneys Judge Jimmie Edwards, Mark Levison, Shane Chapman, Scott Pummell, Haley Dierks, and Brian Betner.

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About Lashly & Baer, P.C.

Celebrating 113 years in business in 2025, Lashly & Baer, P.C. has offices in Downtown St. Louis and Belleville, Illinois. Lashly & Baer has been named one of the Best Law Firms by *U.S. News & World Report*, and received national ranking in Health Care Law, while receiving top St. Louis ranking in Corporate Law, Employment Law – Management, Health Care Law, Medical Malpractice Law - Defendants, and Personal Injury Law - Defendants.