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Dear Valued Client,

We are writing to inform you of a recent incident that may affect your personal or private company information. Our law firm was recently the target of a ransomware attack, which is a type of cyberattack where hackers encrypt a company's data and demand a ransom payment to release it.

Here's what we know. Sometime on or prior to February 2, 2024, cybercriminals, who claim to be a global criminal organization called "Lockbit", which is based in Russia, and has a vast network of cybercriminals affiliates, infiltrated our computer network, encrypted part our electronic files, exfiltrated an unspecified number of those files, and subsequently demanded that we pay them a ransom. They threatened that unless we paid that ransom, they intended to publish the exfiltrated data on the dark web. We refused to pay the ransom, and, on February 15, 2024, they made good on their threat, and have published a vast amount of our client information and our own personal and financial data.

Working with forensic experts and cyberattack response specialists, we have taken steps to prevent and respond to this insidious invasion of our property. We have, through our consultants, been able to retrieve some preliminary information regarding the materials that have been published by these criminals, and based on our initial analysis, have been able to identify most of the affected files.

We are writing to all our clients whose information our analysis suggests has been compromised. We wish to notify you that, regrettably, some of your personal and / or private company information was accessed during this attack and is among the materials that was released to the dark web. This information may include your name, address, contact information, documents, and details related to the legal services we have provided to you. In some instances, financial and banking information that was shared with us have also been published.

We take the security of your information very seriously, and we are taking steps to mitigate the impact of this incident. We have notified the relevant authorities and are working with cybersecurity experts to investigate the incident and protect against future attacks.

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As a precaution, we recommend that you remain vigilant for any suspicious activity related to your personal information, including your financial and banking information. We suggest that you monitor your accounts and credit reports and report any suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities. You should also be vigilant in all your email communications, as we have been advised that oftentimes the information that is purloined by these cybercriminals is monetized or enlisted in the unlawful appropriation of their victims' identities. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to verify any communications that may ostensibly come to you from our office that gives you any cause for suspicion.

Finally, if you are among our clients whose banking information may have been accessed, then we recommend that you immediately notify your bankers and take their advice as to the appropriate measures to protect your accounts. We have done the same and, on the advice of our bankers, have made arrangements to close all our accounts and establish new ones with our bank.

We deeply regret any inconvenience or concern this unwanted event may cause you. Unfortunately, the incidence of these attacks is on the rapid rise, and the cybercriminals have been perfecting and constantly evolving the tools of their trade, with an alarming rate of success. We are committed to protecting your personal information and will continue to take steps to enhance the security of our systems, and are committed to collaborating with you to mitigate, where possible, the effects of this cyber breach.

We would like to thank you for your understanding in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our Chief Operating Officer, Juanita Deane-Warner at juanita.deane-warner@bb.lexcaribbean.com.

Sincerely,



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