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September 10, 2021

**Re: E-mail Security Incident**

Dear Sample A. Sample,

I am writing to let you know about an e-mail security incident at our law firm that may have impacted your personal information. While we have no indication that your personal information has been misused as a result of this incident, we wanted to make you aware of what happened so that you can take the appropriate precautions you feel are needed to protect your identity.

**Why Am I Receiving This Letter?**

Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC is a law firm with offices across Mississippi. As part of our representation of our clients, we will receive, from time to time, personal information of individuals associated with our clients in order to provide legal services.

**What Happened?**

On June 15, 2021, our law firm discovered that an e-mail account belonging to one of our attorneys had been accessed by an unknown third party. In less than twenty-four hours following the discovery, the firm disabled all access to that account, and we immediately hired outside experts to conduct an investigation. It appears this unauthorized actor was focused on locating information that could be used to commit financial fraud against our law firm. Thankfully, that never happened. However, our experts also reported that your personal information would have been available within documents contained in the e-mail account.

**What Information Was Available?**

The documents within this e-mail account that contained your personal information included your name and social security number.

**What We Are Doing**

We have reinforced our e-mail security settings to prevent this from happening again. We have expanded our multi-factor authentication requirements and our mandatory security awareness training for all of our personnel. We have installed additional network security monitoring software, and will continue to monitor access to our systems for unauthorized activity.

**What You Can Do**

The enclosed Identity Protection Reference Guide includes information on general steps you can take to monitor and protect your personal information. We are also offering you two years of complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services from Experian, which you are entitled to under state law. Please refer to the enclosed information to subscribe to this service.

We are sorry this happened, and for the inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions, please reach out to our dedicated assistance team at (877) 534-7032, Monday through Friday from 8 am – 10 pm Central, or Saturday or Sunday from 10 am – 7 pm Central (excluding major U.S. holidays). Be prepared to provide engagement number B018430.

Sincerely,

Samuel C. Kelly

## IDENTITY PROTECTION REFERENCE GUIDE

**1. Review your Credit Reports.** We recommend that you monitor your credit reports for any activity you do not recognize. Under federal law, you are entitled every 12 months to one free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies. To order your free annual credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com), call toll-free (877) 322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form on the U.S. Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and mail it to Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. The three credit bureaus provide free annual credit reports only through the website, toll-free number or request form.

If you see anything in your credit report that you do not understand, call the credit bureau at the telephone number on the report. You should notify the credit bureaus of any inaccuracies in your report, whether due to error or fraud, as soon as possible so the information can be investigated and, if found to be in error, corrected. If there are accounts or charges you did not authorize, immediately notify the appropriate credit bureau by telephone and in writing.

**2. Place Fraud Alerts.** You can place a fraud alert at one of the three major credit bureaus by phone and also via Experian's or Equifax's website. A fraud alert tells creditors to follow certain procedures, including contacting you, before they open any new accounts or change your existing accounts. Please note that placing a fraud alert may delay you when seeking to obtain credit. You can learn more about fraud alerts by contacting the credit bureaus or by visiting their websites

Equifax	Experian	TransUnion
1-800-525-6285	1-888-397-3742	1-800-680-7289
P.O. Box 740241	P.O. Box 9554	P.O. Box 2000
Atlanta, GA 30374-0241	Allen, TX 75013	Chester, PA 19022-2000
<a href="http://www.equifax.com">www.equifax.com</a>	<a href="http://www.experian.com">www.experian.com</a>	<a href="http://www.transunion.com">www.transunion.com</a>

It is only necessary to contact one of these bureaus and use only one of these methods. As soon as one of the three bureaus confirms your fraud alert, the others are notified to place alerts on their records as well. You should receive confirmation letters in the mail and will then be able to order all three credit reports, free of charge, for your review.

**3. Place Security Freezes.** By placing a security freeze, someone who fraudulently acquires your personally identifying information will not be able to use that information to open new accounts or borrow money in your name. Federal and state laws prohibit charges for placing, temporarily lifting, or removing a security freeze. Keep in mind that when you place the freeze, you will not be able to borrow money, obtain instant credit, or get a new credit card until you temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze.

To place a security freeze, you must contact each of the three national credit reporting bureaus listed above and provide the following information: (1) your full name; (2) your social security number; (3) date of birth; (4) the addresses where you have lived over the past two years; (5) proof of current address, such as a utility bill or telephone bill; (6) a copy of a government issued identification card; and (7) if you are the victim of identity theft, include the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency. If the request to place a security freeze is made by toll-free telephone or secure electronic means, the credit bureaus have one business day after receiving your request to place the security freeze on your credit report. If the request is made by mail, the credit bureaus have three business days to place the security freeze on your credit report after receiving your request. The credit bureaus must send confirmation to you within five business days and provide you with information concerning the process by which you may remove or lift the security freeze.

**4. Monitor Your Account Statements.** We encourage you to carefully monitor your financial account statements, medical provider statements, and insurance statements for fraudulent activity and report anything suspicious to the respective institution or provider.

**5. You can obtain additional information** about the steps you can take to avoid identity theft and more information about fraud alerts and security freezes from the FTC. You may contact the FTC, Consumer Response Center at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft), 1-877-IDTHEFT (438-4338), TDD: 1-202-326-2502.

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**Massachusetts Residents:** You have a right to file a police report and obtain a copy of your records. You can obtain additional information about identity theft prevention and protection from the Office of Consumer Affairs and Business Regulation, 501 Boylston Street, Suite 5100, Boston, MA 02116, (617) 973-8787, <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/identity-theft>.

**New York Residents:** You can obtain additional information about identity theft prevention and protection from the New York State Attorney General, The Capitol, State Street and Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12224-0341, 1-800-771-7755, <https://ag.ny.gov/>.

**North Carolina Residents:** You can obtain additional information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Office of the Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, (877) 566-7226 (toll-free within North Carolina) or (919) 716-6000, <https://ncdoj.gov/>.

**Oregon Residents:** You can report suspected identity theft to law enforcement, the FTC, or the Oregon Office of the Attorney General at: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301, 1-800-850-0228, <https://www.doj.state.or.us/>.

### **DETAILS REGARDING YOUR EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS MEMBERSHIP**

Brunini, Grantham, Grower & Hewes, PLLC is offering you a two-year, complimentary membership for IdentityWorks<sup>SM</sup>, a product offered by Experian<sup>®</sup>, to help with detection and resolution of identity theft. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information, please follow the steps below:

- Ensure that you **enroll by November 30, 2021** (Your code will not work after this date.)
- **Visit** the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: <https://www.experianidworks.com/plus>
- Provide your **activation code: ABCDEFGHI**

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration, or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian IdentityWorks online, please contact Experian at **(877) 534-7032** by **November 30, 2021**. Be prepared to provide engagement number **B018430** as proof of eligibility for the Identity restoration services by Experian.

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks.

You can contact Experian **immediately** regarding any fraud issues, and have access to the following features once you enroll in Experian IdentityWorks:

- **Experian credit report at signup:** See what information is associated with your credit file. Daily credit reports are available for online members only.\*
- **Credit Monitoring:** Actively monitors Experian file for indicators of fraud.
- **Internet Surveillance:** Technology searches the web, chat rooms & bulletin boards 24/7 to identify trading or selling of your personal information on the Dark Web.
- **Identity Restoration:** Identity Restoration agents are immediately available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.
- **Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARE<sup>TM</sup>:** You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- **Up to \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance<sup>\*\*</sup>:** Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

If you believe there was fraudulent use of your information and would like to discuss how you may be able to resolve those issues, please reach out to an Experian agent at **(877) 534-7032**. If, after discussing your situation with an agent, it is determined that Identity Restoration support is needed, then an Experian Identity Restoration agent is available to work with you to investigate and resolve each incident of fraud that occurred (including, as appropriate, helping you with contacting credit grantors to dispute charges and close accounts; assisting you in placing a freeze on your credit file with the three major credit bureaus; and assisting you with contacting government agencies to help restore your identity to its proper condition).

Please note that this Identity Restoration support is available to you for two years from the date of this letter and does not require any action on your part at this time. The Terms and Conditions for this offer are located at [www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration](http://www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration). You will also find self-help tips and information about identity protection at this site.

\* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.

\*\* The Identity Theft Insurance is underwritten and administered by American Bankers Insurance Company of Florida, an Assurant company. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.