



**DETROIT**– McDonald Hopkins, a business advisory and advocacy law firm, has once again been nominated by Advisen as a finalist for their 2018 Cyber Risk Awards in the category of Cyber Law Firm of the Year. The firm's national [Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice](#), led by co-chairs [James J. Giszczak](#) and [Dominic A. Paluzzi](#), was previously nominated as a finalist for Advisen's Cyber Risk Awards in 2017 and 2015 in the categories of Cyber Law Firm of the Year and Cyber Risk Pre-Breach Team of the Year, respectively.

Voting is now open through Friday, April 20 at 11:45 P.M. EDT via Advisen's [online ballot](#). The winners will be announced on June 6 at Gotham Hall in New York City.

The Cyber Risk Awards are selected by "People's Choice" and leverage Advisen's vast contact database of over 40,000 property and casualty professionals who focus on cyber risk. Cyber Law Firm of the Year will honor a law firm that has shown excellence in all areas of preparing for and responding to cyber events. This year will mark the 5th annual Cyber Risk Awards.

"Breaches can be devastating not only for a company's bottom line, but also for their reputation," Giszczak said. "Organizations are now judged on their response to the breach, rather than the existence of the incidents itself."

"While no industry or business is immune to cybersecurity incidents, it is crucial for businesses to have a proper plan in place, knowledge of regulations and effective and efficient legal support ready to respond to an incident 24/7," added Paluzzi.

More information on the 2018 Cyber Risk Awards can be found on Advisen's [website](#).

**About the National Data Privacy and Cybersecurity Practice at McDonald Hopkins**

McDonald Hopkins specializes in advising organizations on data privacy and cybersecurity risks on both a national and international basis, including compliance counseling and risk assessments, incident response strategies and management, and defense of regulatory enforcement actions and single-plaintiff and class action litigation. McDonald Hopkins has counseled clients through over 2,350 data breaches and privacy incidents, in nearly every industry, where they work closely with local, state and federal law enforcement, forensic investigators and third-party vendors to provide clients with efficient and effective breach response services in compliance with the numerous state, federal, international and industry-specific legal obligations. McDonald Hopkins data privacy team also focuses on proactively protecting organizations' personal, sensitive and confidential information and minimizing the risk of a data privacy incident, by conducting breach response workshops and training sessions for organizations and their risk management teams, and helping clients with the development of their written information security programs and incident response plans.

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