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Alfred "Al" Saikali

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If your business has sensitive data or engages in e-commerce, Alfred "Al" Saikali's number may already be on your speed dial.

As founder and co-chair of Shook, Hardy & Bacon's data security and data privacy practice, Saikali helps Fortune 100 and other clients respond to data breaches. He also advises them on data privacy obligations and how to collect and store consumer information securely.

He has represented companies in class action litigation arising from data breaches and their use of consumer information.

"No one here in Miami has done more to educate local and national companies on the importance of establishing strong data privacy and security controls," said Bill Geraghty, managing partner of the firm's Miami office.

Saikali helped develop a breach response for a cyber-attack that put the intellectual property of a multinational science and technology company at risk.

His expertise earned him appearances last year at more than a dozen industry conferences. He maintains a personal blog, Data Security Law Journal.

Saikali, 39, was co-chair of the first Data Privacy and Data Security Law Summit at the University of Miami on June 4.

A partner in the firm's Miami office, he has a certification awarded by the International Association of Privacy Professionals. He co-chairs the association's local chapter, South Florida KnowledgeNet.

Outside the office, he participates in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Miami and on the executive committee of the Miami-Dade chapter, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.