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## VIA U.S. MAIL

Attorney General John Formella Office of the Attorney General 33 Capitol Street Concord, NH 03301

Re: Jackson Lewis P.C. - Supplemental Incident Notification

Dear Sir or Madam:

McDonald Hopkins PLC represents Jackson Lewis P.C. This notice serves as a supplemental notice to the January 20, 2023 notice previously submitted to your office. I am writing to provide notification of an incident at Jackson Lewis that may affect the security of personal information of 56 additional New Hampshire residents, 59 total New Hampshire residents. Jackson Lewis's investigation is ongoing, and this notification will be supplemented with any new or significant facts or findings subsequent to this submission, if any. By providing this notice, Jackson Lewis does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law or personal jurisdiction.

Jackson Lewis was the victim of a theft of two hard drives from a locked storage room in one of its offices. This equipment contained certain confidential information for Jackson Lewis personnel and a limited number of Jackson Lewis clients. Jackson Lewis took several steps to investigate the incident and mitigate harm, including efforts to locate the hard drives such as examining security camera footage and collaborating with building management to review access records. Please note, this incident did not involve any intrusion to the Jackson Lewis network and its network remains secure. At present, Jackson Lewis is unaware of any indications that the data has been further disclosed, sold, or otherwise misused.

After an extensive investigation of the impacted folders, files, and documents, Jackson Lewis initially determined on August 16, 2022 that personal information was stored on the impacted hard drives that were stolen on January 7, 2022. Jackson Lewis then conducted a thorough review to assess which personal information pertaining to individuals was connected to Jackson Lewis clients. Jackson Lewis completed this review on November 19, 2022 and at that point discovered that personal information stored on the stolen drives is affiliated with Jackson Lewis directly and/ or Jackson Lewis clients. Jackson Lewis subsequently notified its clients of its investigation and findings on or before February 7, 2023. The impacted personal information included residents' names and Social Security numbers.

Jackson Lewis has no indication that any information has been misused. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, Jackson Lewis is providing an additional wave of notice to the affected residents commencing on March 16, 2023 in substantially the same form as the document attached hereto. Jackson Lewis is also offering complimentary credit monitoring to the impacted residents. Additionally, Jackson Lewis will advise the affected residents to always remain vigilant in reviewing financial account statements for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis. Jackson Lewis will further advise the affected residents about the process for placing a fraud alert and/or security freeze on their credit files and obtaining free credit reports. The affected residents are also being provided with the contact information for the consumer reporting agencies and the Federal Trade Commission.

Should you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at (248) 220-1356 or dpaluzzi@mcdonaldhopkins.com. Thank you for your cooperation.

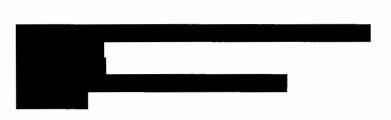
Sincerely,

Dominic A. Paluzzi

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## **JacksonLewis**



Dear

The privacy and security of the personal information we maintain is of the utmost importance to Jackson Lewis P.C. We want to notify you of an incident that involved your personal information. We are writing to provide you with information regarding the incident, advise you of the services we are making available to you and reaffirm that Jackson Lewis P.C. continues to take significant measures to protect personal information.

## Why Does Jackson Lewis Have my Information?

Jackson Lewis provides legal services to clients in many different capacities. In 2008, engaged Jackson Lewis to represent it in a now-closed matter and, in connection with that matter, Jackson Lewis obtained from employee information.

## What Happened?

Earlier last year, Jackson Lewis was the victim of a theft of two hard drives from a locked storage room in one of our offices despite multiple levels of security. This equipment contained certain confidential information of some of our personnel and a limited number of our clients.

#### What We Are Doing.

We took several steps to investigate the incident and mitigate harm, including efforts to locate the hard drives such as examining security camera footage and collaborating with building management to review access records. We also worked with law enforcement. Please note, this incident did not involve any intrusion into the Jackson Lewis network and our network remains secure. At present, we are unaware of any indications that the data has been further disclosed, sold, or otherwise misused.

After an extensive investigation of the impacted folders, files, and documents, we initially determined that personal information was stored on the impacted hard drives that were stolen on January 7, 2022. We then conducted a thorough review to assess which personal information pertaining to individuals was connected to our respective clients. When we completed this review we discovered that your personal information stored on the stolen drives was affiliated with and provided them with an initial notification of our investigation and findings on February 7, 2023, after which we worked with to identify affected individuals and data for notification purposes.

We have no evidence that any of your information has been improperly used or disclosed. Nevertheless, out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident and provide you with complimentary identity protection services to help protect your information.

## What Information Was Involved?

Specifically, the hard drives contained personal information, which included your name along with your

#### What You Can Do.

Again, while we have no evidence that any of the impacted information has been improperly used or disclosed, out of an abundance of caution, we want to make you aware of the incident. We are also offering a 12 month complimentary membership of Experian Identity Works<sup>SM</sup> Credit 3B. This product helps detect possible misuse of your personal information and provides you with identity protection services focused on immediate identification and resolution of identity theft.

IdentityWorks Credit 3B is completely free to you and enrolling in this program will not hurt your credit score. For more information on identity theft prevention and IdentityWorks Credit 3B, including instructions on how to activate your complimentary membership, please see the additional information provided in this letter.

This letter also provides other precautionary measures you can take to protect your personal information, including placing a Fraud Alert and Security Freeze on your credit files, and obtaining a free credit report. Additionally, you should always remain vigilant in reviewing your financial account statements and credit reports for fraudulent or irregular activity on a regular basis.

## For More Information.

Again, we sincerely apologize for the inconvenience and frustration this incident may have caused. Our people and clients remain our top priority, and we will continue to work diligently to protect their confidential information. We take this situation very seriously and are taking all appropriate precautions to mitigate any potential harm. While this incident resulted from criminal activity that is difficult to prevent in all instances, we are nonetheless reviewing our systems and controls and making improvements to minimize the chances of this happening again. This includes reviewing our physical safeguards and employee training.

If you have any further questions regarding this incident, please call our toll-free response line at respon

Sincerely,

Jackson Lewis P.C. 400 Capitol Mall #1600, Sacramento, CA 95814

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## 1. Enrolling in Complimentary 12 Month Credit Monitoring.

Activate IdentityWorks Credit 3B Now in Three Easy Steps

- 1. ENROLL by: (Your code will not work after this date.)
- 2. VISIT the Experian IdentityWorks website to enroll: https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit
- 3. PROVIDE the Activation Code:

If you have questions about the product, need assistance with identity restoration or would like an alternative to enrolling in Experian Identity Works online, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057. Be prepared to provide engagement number as proof of eligibility for the identity restoration services by Experian.

## ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING YOUR 12 MONTH EXPERIAN IDENTITYWORKS CREDIT 3B MEMBERSHIP:

A credit card is **not** required for enrollment in Experian IdentityWorks Credit 3B.

You can contact Experian immediately without needing to enroll in the product regarding any fraud issues. Identity Restoration specialists are available to help you address credit and non-credit related fraud.

Once you enroll in Experian Identity Works, you will have access to the following additional features:

- 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, Equifax and Transunion files for indicators of fraud.
- Experian IdentityWorks ExtendCARETM: You receive the same high-level of Identity Restoration support even after your Experian IdentityWorks membership has expired.
- \$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance\*\*: Provides coverage for certain costs and unauthorized electronic fund transfers.

# Activate your membership today at https://www.experianidworks.com/3bcredit or call 877-288-8057 to register with the activation code above.

What you can do to protect your information: There are additional actions you can consider taking to reduce the chances of identity theft or fraud on your account(s). Please refer to www.ExperianIDWorks.com/restoration for this information. If you have any questions about IdentityWorks, need help understanding something on your credit report or suspect that an item on your credit report may be fraudulent, please contact Experian's customer care team at 877-288-8057.

- \* Offline members will be eligible to call for additional reports quarterly after enrolling.
- \*\* Identity theft insurance is underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). The description herein is a summary and intended for informational purposes only and does not include all terms, conditions and exclusions of the policies described. Please refer to the actual policies for terms, conditions, and exclusions of coverage. Coverage may not be available in all jurisdictions.

## Placing a Fraud Alert on Your Credit File.

Whether or not you choose to use the complimentary 12 month credit monitoring services, we recommend that you place an initial one-year "fraud alert" on your credit files, at no charge. A fraud alert tells creditors to contact you personally before they open any new accounts. To place a fraud alert, call any <u>one</u> of the three major credit bureaus at the numbers listed below. As soon as one credit bureau confirms your fraud alert, they will notify the others.

Equifax
P.O. Box 105069
Atlanta, GA 30348-5069
<a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-fraud-alerts/</a>
(800) 525-6285

Experian
P.O. Box 9554
Allen, TX 75013
https://www.experian.com/
fraud/center.html
(888) 397-3742

TransUnion
Fraud Victim Assistance Department
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19016-2000
https://www.transunion.com/fraud-alerts
(800) 680-7289

## 3. Placing a Security Freeze on Your Credit File.

If you are very concerned about becoming a victim of fraud or identity theft, you may request a "security freeze" be placed on your credit file, at no charge. A security freeze prohibits, with certain specific exceptions, the consumer reporting agencies from releasing your credit report or any information from it without your express authorization. You may place a security freeze on your credit report by contacting <u>all three</u> nationwide credit reporting companies at the numbers below and following the stated directions or by sending a request in writing, by mail, to <u>all three</u> credit reporting companies:

Equifax Security Freeze P.O. Box 105788 Atlanta, GA 30348 https://www.equifax.com/ personal/credit-report-services/ credit-freeze/ (800) 349-9960 (888) 298-0045 Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554 Allen, TX 75013 http://experian.com/freeze (888) 397-3742 TransUnion Security Freeze
P.O. Box 160
Woodlyn, PA 19094
<a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze">https://www.transunion.com/credit-freeze</a>
(888) 909-8872

In order to place the security freeze, you'll need to supply your name, address, date of birth, Social Security number and other personal information. After receiving your freeze request, each credit reporting company will send you a confirmation letter containing a unique PIN (personal identification number) or password. Keep the PIN or password in a safe place. You will need it if you choose to lift the freeze.

If you do place a security freeze *prior* to enrolling in the credit monitoring service as described above, you will need to remove the freeze in order to sign up for the credit monitoring service. After you sign up for the credit monitoring service, you may refreeze your credit file.

## 4. Obtaining a Free Credit Report.

Under federal law, you are entitled to one free credit report every 12 months from <u>each</u> of the above three major nationwide credit reporting companies. Call 1-877-322-8228 or request your free credit reports online at www.annualcreditreport.com. Once you receive your credit reports, review them for discrepancies. Identify any accounts you did not open or inquiries from creditors that you did not authorize. Verify all information is correct. If you have questions or notice incorrect information, contact the credit reporting company.

## 5. Additional Helpful Resources.

Even if you do not find any suspicious activity on your initial credit reports, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends that you check your credit reports periodically. Checking your credit report periodically can help you spot problems and address them quickly.

If you find suspicious activity on your credit reports or have reason to believe your information is being misused, call your local law enforcement agency and file a police report. Be sure to obtain a copy of the police report, as many creditors will want the information it contains to absolve you of the fraudulent debts. You may also file a complaint with the FTC by contacting them on the web at www.ftc.gov/idtheft, by phone at 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338), or by mail at Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. Your complaint will be added to the FTC's Identity Theft Data Clearinghouse, where it will be accessible to law enforcement for their investigations. In addition, you may obtain information from the FTC about fraud alerts and security freezes.

If this notice letter states that your financial account information and/or credit or debit card information was impacted, we recommend that you contact your financial institution to inquire about steps to take to protect your account, including whether you should close your account or obtain a new account number.

If your personal information has been used to file a false tax return, to open an account or to attempt to open an account in your name or to commit fraud or other crimes against you, you may file a police report in the city in which you currently reside.

Iowa Residents: You may contact law enforcement or the Iowa Attorney General's Office to report suspected incidents of identity Theft: Office of the Attorney General of Iowa, Consumer Protection Division, Hoover State Office Building, 1305 East Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319, <a href="https://www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov">www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov</a>, Telephone: 515-281-5164.

Maryland Residents: You may obtain information about avoiding identity theft from the Maryland Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Consumer Protection Division, 200 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, MD 21202, <a href="https://www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer">www.oag.state.md.us/Consumer</a>, Telephone: 888-743-0023.

Massachusetts Residents: Under Massachusetts law, you have the right to obtain a police report in regard to this incident. If you are the victim of identity theft, you also have the right to file a police report and obtain a copy of it.

New York Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the New York Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; <a href="https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft">https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds-bureau/identity-theft</a>; Telephone: 800-771-7755.

North Carolina Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the North Carolina Attorney General's Office: Office of the Attorney General of North Carolina, Consumer Protection Division, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001, <a href="https://www.ncdoi.gov/">www.ncdoi.gov/</a>, Telephone: 877-566-7226 (Toll-free within North Carolina), 919-716-6000.

Oregon Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Oregon Attorney General's Office: Oregon Department of Justice, 1162 Court Street NE, Salem, OR 97301-4096, www.doi.state.or.us/, Telephone: 877-877-9392

Washington D.C. Residents: You may obtain information about preventing identity theft from the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 400 6th Street NW, Washington D.C. 20001, <a href="https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection">https://oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection</a>, Telephone: 202-442-9828.

New Mexico Residents: You have rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA). These include, among others, the right to know what is in your file; to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information; and to have consumer reporting agencies correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information. For more information about the FCRA, please visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0096-fair-credit-reporting-act.pdf or www.ftc.gov.

In Addition, New Mexico Consumers Have the Right to Obtain a Security Freeze or Submit a Declaration of Removal

As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You may submit a declaration of removal to remove information placed in your credit report as a result of being a victim of identity theft. You have a right to place a security freeze on your credit report or submit a declaration of removal pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, you will be provided with a personal identification number, password, or similar device to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report to a specific party or parties or for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To remove the freeze or to provide authorization for the temporary release of your credit report, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number, password, or similar device provided by the consumer reporting agency;
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity; and
- 3. Information regarding the third party or parties who are to receive the credit report or the period of time for which the credit report may be released to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to lift temporarily a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three business days after receiving the request. As of September 1, 2008, a consumer reporting agency shall comply with the request within fifteen minutes of receiving the request by a secure electronic method or by telephone.

A security freeze does not apply in all circumstances, such as where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your credit report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents for certain types of account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities; for use in setting or adjusting an insurance rate or claim or insurance underwriting; for certain governmental purposes; and for purposes of prescreening as defined in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze, either completely if you are shopping around or specifically for a certain creditor, with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect. You should contact a consumer reporting agency and request it to lift the freeze at least three business days before applying. As of September 1, 2008, if you contact a consumer reporting agency by a secure electronic method or by telephone, the consumer reporting agency should lift the freeze within fifteen minutes. You have a right to bring a civil action against a consumer reporting agency that violates your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting and Identity Security Act.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. You may contact these agencies using the contact information provided above.

Rhode Island Residents: You may contact law enforcement, such as the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office, to report incidents of identity theft or to learn about steps you can take to protect yourself from identity theft. You can contact the Rhode Island Attorney General at: Rhode Island Office of the Attorney General, 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903, www.riag.ri.gov, 401-274-4400.

As noted above, you may obtain a security freeze on your credit report to protect your privacy and ensure that credit is not granted in your name without your knowledge. You have a right to place a "security freeze" on your credit report pursuant to chapter 48 of title 6 of the Identity Theft Prevention Act of 2006.

The security freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. When you place a security freeze on your credit report, within five (5) business days you will be provided a personal identification number or password to use if you choose to remove the freeze on your credit report or to temporarily authorize the release of your credit report for a specific period of time after the freeze is in place. To provide that authorization, you must contact the consumer reporting agency and provide all of the following:

- 1. The unique personal identification number or password provided by the consumer reporting agency.
- 2. Proper identification to verify your identity.
- 3. The proper information regarding the period of time for which the report shall be available to users of the credit report.

A consumer reporting agency that receives a request from a consumer to temporarily lift a freeze on a credit report shall comply with the request no later than three (3) business days after receiving the request.

A security freeze does not apply to circumstances where you have an existing account relationship and a copy of your report is requested by your existing creditor or its agents or affiliates for certain types of an account review, collection, fraud control, or similar activities.

If you are actively seeking a new credit, loan, utility, telephone, or insurance account, you should understand that the procedures involved in lifting a security freeze may slow your own applications for credit. You should plan ahead and lift a freeze — either completely, if you are shopping around, or specifically for a certain creditor — with enough advance notice before you apply for new credit for the lifting to take effect.

You have a right to bring a civil action against someone who violates your rights under the credit reporting laws. The action can be brought against a consumer reporting agency or a user of your credit report.

To place a security freeze on your credit report, you must send a request to each of the three major consumer reporting agencies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. These agencies can be contacted using the contact information provided above.

In order to request a security freeze, you may need to provide the following information:

- 1. Your full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
- 2. Social Security number;
- 3. Date of birth;
- 4. Complete address;
- 5. Prior addresses;
- 6. Proof(s) of identification (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, birth certificate, etc.);
- 7. If you are a victim of identity theft, a copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft.

There were Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.