



Kobre & Kim Lawyers on How Businesses Can Protect Themselves from Automated Intruders

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A team of Kobre & Kim lawyers – Steven Perlstein, Benjamin Sauter and Beau Barnes – discuss the increasing trend of malicious online bots, how the U.S. legal landscape is addressing it and ways that businesses can protect their information in the New York Law Journal’s special report on cybersecurity.

“There is no single comprehensive U.S. law addressing the rise of bots,” the team explains. “Instead, like in many substantive areas of the U.S. legal system, a patchwork of laws intended for different scenarios together form a body of law full of nuance.”

In addition to federal laws such as the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) and Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), there are a number of state laws designed to protect companies against specific situations where privacy intrusions occur. Rather than relying on a single statute, understanding and implementing both state and federal laws will provide businesses with the best position to properly defend themselves.

“As with any rapidly evolving threat, both federal and state legislation is doing its best to play catch-up,” the team says, “but a thorough understanding of key legal remedies can equip today’s businesses with the tools to mitigate and address any bot-related risks.”

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