

ETHICAL HACKERS: THINKING LIKE CRIMINALS BUT WEARING THE WHITE HATS

When it comes to protecting clients from security breaches, lawyers generally provide advice on such key matters as policies and compliance. But Armstrong Teasdale attorneys Dan Nelson and Lucas Amodio have added a new twist to their legal services. They've learned how to hack into computers and have even earned a credential to prove it.

These two lawyers became "Certified Ethical Hackers" during 2014 through the International Council of E-Commerce Consultants (EC-Council). An "ethical hacker" is an information security professional trained to penetrate networks and /or computer systems using the same methods and techniques as a criminal.

But ethical hackers, also called white hat hackers, use their skills to assess and improve security by finding vulnerabilities. And unlike criminal hackers, they have permission to break into computers from the organizations who hire them.

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