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Matthew E. Yarbrough is a renowned trial lawyer and pioneer in the area of data breach and technology law. He has over 20 years experience providing legal expertise, and lecturing in the areas of electronic evidence, cybercrimes, and intellectual property both as an Assistant United States Attorney and in private practice.

Mr. Yarbrough served as head of the Cybercrimes and Criminal Intellectual Property Task Force for the Department of Justice and was tapped by former Texas Attorney General John Cornyn to be Special Counsel to assist in the creation of the Texas Internet Bureau—a precedent-setting mission in fighting identity theft, internet fraud, and data breaches.

An accomplished trial lawyer and complex commercial litigator lawyer not only in private practice, but also in his service with the Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney, Mr. Yarbrough prosecuted numerous complex white-collar criminal cases involving securities, banking, health care, and business fraud schemes. He won a multi-million dollar judgment before a federal jury in the Eastern District of Texas for business misappropriation and false advertising, as well as winning a white-collar criminal defense case, where Mr. Yarbrough defended a Tyson Foods, Inc. employee who had been indicted by the Department of Justice as part of an alleged corporate conspiracy to smuggle in illegal aliens. Directly following his opening statement, the government moved to dismiss the case. Other notable clients include: MGM, Bose, Texas Instruments, BMC Software and 7-Eleven.

Matt Yarbrough is an internationally recognized expert in the area of electronic evidence and a highly sought-after speaker. He has appeared on such programs as Nightline, 20/20, CNN, MSNBC, Fox National News and A&E's Investigative Reports with Bill Curtis. Referred to by The Texas Lawyer as an attorney that "companies turn to," Mr. Yarbrough's expertise and professionalism have made him a trusted Advisor to U.S. businesses. He has spoken on behalf of such companies as IBM, Cisco, Sun and Sprint concerning corporate compliance and litigation and its impact upon Fortune 500 companies.

He prosecuted the first data intercept or wire-tap of a hacker ring in U.S. history known as the "Phonemasters" case. As lead prosecutor in Operation "Seek & Keep," he brought down the largest alien smuggling operation in U.S. history. Mr. Yarbrough was also lead prosecutor in the U.S. v. Tejas case, one of the largest-ever theft-of-trade-secrets cases brought under the Federal Economic Espionage Act. (The Tejas case concerned the prohibited sale of oil and gas parts by U.S. companies to Iran and Iraq.) The Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of

Investigation (FBI), and the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) have recognized Mr. Yarbrough as an “Outstanding Prosecutor.”

Matthew Yarbrough has been an Adjunct Professor at Southern Methodist University’s Dedman School of Law, teaching Computer Litigation and Trial Advocacy. He has authored more than a dozen articles including “Suing the Insecure in Cyberspace” and “Stanger-Torts In the Strange New World of Cyberspace.” His articles have been published in Business 2.0, The Dallas Morning News, and numerous law reviews and law Journals. Matt continues to server as a faculty member for numerous Continuing Legal Education conferences, for Fortune 500 companies and schools such as the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University.

Mr. Yarbrough is a member in good standing of the American Bar Association, the Texas State Bar, and the Dallas Bar, and is licensed to practice in the state of Texas and numerous federal courts across the United States.

Career Highlights

Created first Cybercrimes Task Force for U.S. Attorney’s Office

Pioneered the prosecution of cybercrime and on-line fraud

Created first regional computer forensics lab for DOJ and FBI

Admitted first hacker data wiretap into evidence in federal court

Created Texas Internet Bureau

Prosecuted one of the nation’s most substantial cases involving the theft of trade secrets under the federal Economic Espionage Act (EEA)

Professional History

Founder of Yarbrough Strategic Advisors

Founder of Yarbrough Law Group

Fish and Richardson, Equity Partner, Principal and Head of Cyber Law Group

Texas Attorney General’s Internet Enforcement Bureau, Special Counsel

Vincent & Elkins, LLP, Special Internet Counsel

U.S. Department of Justice, Assistant United States Attorney

McKool Smith, Associate

Awards

Who’s Who in American Law

“40 Best Lawyers Under 40 in the Nation” *National Law Journal* 2003

“Outstanding Prosecutor Award,”

Department of Justice,

Federal Bureau of Investigation, & Immigration & Naturalization Service

“Best Litigator,” *D Magazine*

“Defenders Award,” *Dallas Business Journal Award for best Defenders of DFW companies*

“Super Lawyer – litigation,” *Texas Monthly Magazine*

“Go-To Lawyer for Texas Companies,” *Texas Lawyer*

Education

Southern Methodist University, J.D.
Notes & Comments Editor, SMU Law Review
SMU Mock Trial Champion
Texas Christian University, B.A.

Professional Associations

American Bar Association
State Bar of Texas
Dallas Bar Association
Leadership Dallas

Court Admissions

State of Texas
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
The U.S. District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Districts of Texas
Appeared & Admitted Pro Hac Vice: NY, CA, FL, OK, LA, and MI