

Will Quick Discusses Data Privacy and Cybersecurity with Business North Carolina

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Brooks Pierce partner Will Quick recently participated in *Business North Carolina's* annual digital privacy and security roundtable discussion. The roundtable was sponsored by Brooks Pierce.

While the participants discussed general cybersecurity and data privacy best practices for businesses, including those related to data storage and collection, much of the focus was on how the COVID-19 pandemic has caused businesses to have to adapt quickly as they cope with new concerns that a work-from-home environment creates. For example, Quick states an issue he has seen organizations navigate over the past six months is challenges with cyber insurance coverage.

“Some insurers have taken the position that their existing policies don’t cover incidents resulting from work-from-home,” said Quick. “I’ve worked with clients whose insurer refused to honor the policy because a breach was initiated from a home network vulnerability. The policy covered the company’s network, not personal devices or home networks. The company had never had employees working remotely before the pandemic, and the situation wasn’t contemplated when the policy was written. It’s one example of something that isn’t thought of until it’s too late. But they do happen, so companies should consider them.”

Quick assists businesses with designing and implementing data privacy policies. He also helps companies experiencing breach events with the response and notification process, often coordinating efforts across multiple states. He is a Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP/US) and a Board Certified Specialist in Privacy and Information Security Law by the North Carolina State Bar Board of Legal Specialization.

The full article can be read online here, and is also available in *Business North Carolina's* November issue.

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