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Cyber Threats and Cyber Emergencies –  
Is Your Office Prepared?  
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# Cyber Threats and Cyber Emergencies – Is Your Office Prepared?

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## AGENDA

September 15, 2023  
12:00 pm—2:00 pm (EDT)

- 12:00pm Kristine Hamann: Executive Director PCE  
**Welcome and Introduction**
- 12:05 pm Cyrus Vance, Jr.: Partner and Global Chair of Cybersecurity Practice, Baker McKenzie; former District Attorney of New York County (Manhattan)  
**Prosecutors (and Everyone) Must Be Cybersecure**
- 12:20pm **Questions**
- 12:25pm Jed Painter: General Counsel, Suffolk County (NY) District Attorney's Office  
**Cyberattack on Suffolk County – Important Lessons for All Prosecutors**
- 12:50pm **Questions**
- 12:55pm Benjamin Edelen: Chief Information Security Officer, Boulder County, Colorado  
**Keeping Prosecutor Offices Cybersecure – The County IT Perspective**
- 1:15pm **Questions**
- 1:20pm Antonia Merzon: Senior Attorney, PCE  
**Ethical and Legal Duties Requiring Cybersecurity Measures**
- 1:40pm **Questions for Antonia Merzon followed by questions to all speakers**
- 1:50pm Kristine Hamann: Executive Director, PCE  
**Conclusion and Survey**



# Speaker Bios

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Benjamin Edelen  
Chief Information Security Officer  
Boulder County, Colorado

Benjamin Edelen is the Chief Information Security Officer of Boulder County, Colorado and chairperson of the Colorado Homeland Security Advisory Committee's Cyber Subcommittee. Benjamin's program protects his community and critical infrastructure through the alignment of cyber security and our values, helping people stand together, and by getting the basics right. Benjamin holds a bunch of professional certifications, participates in government and cyber security communities of practice, and is grateful for the opportunity to make a difference.



Kristine Hamann  
Executive Director  
Prosecutors' Center for Excellence

Kristine Hamann is the Executive Director and founder of Prosecutors' Center for Excellence (PCE). PCE provides consulting, publications, national meetings, and research services for prosecutors to promote best practices, spur innovations and implement solutions. PCE conducts assessments of prosecutor offices of all sizes providing recommendations for improved practices and efficiencies. She is a technical advisor and subject matter expert on many topics including gun crime, witness intimidation, ethics, crime strategy and data collection, community outreach and implicit bias. From 2013 to 2016, Kristine Hamann was a Visiting Fellow at DOJ/ Bureau of Justice Assistance and has worked with prosecutors in over 40 states on best practices. She chairs the National and NY State Best Practices Committee for prosecutors and teaches at Georgetown Law School. She was a member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Criminal Justice Council and is on the ABA Criminal Justice Journal Editorial Board. From 2008 to 2013, Ms. Hamann was the Executive Assistant District Attorney for the Special Narcotics Prosecutor for the City of New York. From 2007 to 2008, Ms. Hamann was the New York State Inspector General. From 1998 to 2007, Ms. Hamann served as the Executive Assistant DA to DA Robert Morgenthau in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office in New York City. Prior to 1998, Ms. Hamann held several other positions in that office including Deputy Chief of the Trial Division and Director of Training. She started her career as a violent crime prosecutor. She has received various awards for her public service, including The Morgenthau Award (NYS District Attorney's Association 2020), The Ethics and Accountability Award (City and State NY, 2018), Outstanding Prosecutor of 2013 (NY State Bar Association), Prosecutor of the Year for Executive Leadership (NYS District Attorney's Association 2010), Excellence in Government Award (Albany Law School, 2008) and Public Service Award for Outstanding Public Service (NY County Bar Association, 2005).



Antonia Merzon  
Senior Attorney  
Prosecutors' Center for Excellence

Ms. Merzon began her legal career at the New York County (Manhattan) District Attorney's Office. In 2004, District Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau appointed Ms. Merzon to create and run an Identity Theft Unit (later renamed the Cybercrime and Identity Theft Bureau), one of the first of its kind in the country. Ms. Merzon supervised the investigation and prosecution of a wide range of cybercrime, identity theft, financial fraud and money laundering crimes. Her focus on developing computer forensic and internet investigative capacity within the Unit resulted in numerous innovative cybercrime prosecutions.

After over eleven years at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, Ms. Merzon moved to Colorado with her family. Ms. Merzon has served in a number of roles since that time, including as a consultant on best practices for the Colorado District Attorneys' Council, as well as the author and editor of various books and articles. Her recent book, *Cybercrime Investigations – A Comprehensive Resource for Everyone*, co-authored with another former prosecutor, serves as an investigative reference for anyone who encounters and investigates cybercrime.

Ms. Merzon is a frequent lecturer on topics related to cybercrime. She has provided recent talks and trainings to the National District Attorneys Association (NDAA), the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG), the Association of Certified Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS), as well as other private sector and law enforcement groups.





Jed Painter  
General Counsel  
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office

Assistant District Attorney Jed L. Painter serves as General Counsel for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. In this role, Painter oversees a wide variety of legal, legislative, administrative, and policy matters, with his portfolio of duties including promulgation and enforcement of office policies, human resource management, EEO compliance, staff recruitment and performance evaluation, discovery compliance protocols, legal training and staff development, budget and fiscal administration, the collection and publishing of office statistics and reports, labor and contracting issues, information technology, and internal audits. He joined the SCDA in 2022 after serving on the executive staff in neighboring Nassau County across three administrations.

Mr. Painter is an Advisory Member on the NYS Chief Judge's Justice Task Force. He has also served on the NYS Permanent Commission on Sentencing, the NYS Bar Association Special Committees on Re-Entry and Wrongful Conviction, the New York Prosecutors Training Institute faculty, and the New York State District Attorney's Association's legislative and best practices committees, with his work encompassing matters such as conviction integrity, juvenile justice reform, and prosecutorial misconduct. He also presently sits on the Nassau County Courts Equal Justice Committee.

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, Mr. Painter served on the Governor's Moreland Act Commission on Utility Storm Preparation, where he was primarily responsible for the performance audit of the Long Island Power Authority. In 2018, he was appointed a Special Deputy Attorney General for the investigation into former Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

As a former member of the Nassau County District Attorney's Public Corruption Bureau, Mr. Painter secured numerous convictions on high-profile cases involving elected officials as well as employees from school districts, law enforcement agencies, housing authorities, and government agencies. His ability to analyze government systems has been utilized time and again for matters such as the 2015 review of the Nassau County Contracting and Procurement Systems and the NYS Inspector

General compliance report on the remediation and repatriation of Nassau County's forensic services.

Mr. Painter concurrently leads the SCDA's Biological, Environmental, and Animal Safety Team (BEAST), overseeing the investigation and prosecution of all animal and environmental crimes in Suffolk County. His prior work in this space includes 11 years as Chief of the Nassau County District Attorney's Animal Crimes Unit, where his performance earned him the National Sheriff's Association and Humane Society of the United States' Law Enforcement Award in 2016 and repeat appearances as an expert in the field of animal crimes prosecution at the New York State Senate, the New York Division of Criminal Justice Services, the New York State Bar Association, and the New York City Bar Association, as well as at the Pace, Fordham, New York, Syracuse, and Hofstra law schools.

In 2016, Mr. Painter was selected by Thomson West to be the Practice Commentator for the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law and his commentaries now appear on Westlaw as well as in the annually printed McKinney's books. In 2019, he was appointed by then-Association President and Albany County District Attorney David Soares to be Co-Chair of the Animal Crimes Committee of the New York State District Attorneys Association.

In 2019, Jed received the prestigious "Prosecutor of the Year" Award from the New York Prosecutors Training Institute, such award being given annually to a prosecutor "who has demonstrated dynamic trial skills, strong leadership, and selfless dedication, thereby enhancing criminal justice throughout the Empire State."





Cyrus Vance  
Partner and Global Chair of Cybersecurity Practice  
Baker McKenzie  
*Former District Attorney of New York County (Manhattan)*

Cyrus Vance Jr. has earned a well-deserved international reputation as a trial attorney with a proven track record in high-stake litigation and global investigations. As a partner in Baker McKenzie's North America Litigation and Government Enforcement Practice and Global Investigations, Compliance & Ethics Practice, Cyrus is well-known for his expertise in white collar criminal investigations, complex civil and criminal litigation, sanctions enforcement, compliance and cybersecurity. With over three decades of experience in both public and private sector, Cyrus provides invaluable guidance to clients navigating cross-border investigations, enforcement matters, and cybersecurity incidents.

Prior to joining the Firm, Cyrus served three consecutive four-year terms as Manhattan District Attorney, overseeing a team of over 600 prosecutors. He handled landmark criminal prosecutions, including the successful litigation before the U.S. Supreme Court in *Trump v. Vance* and the conviction of Harvey Weinstein on two felony sex crimes. He also managed more than 100,000 cases annually, including complex white collar and business crimes both domestically and internationally. Cyrus regularly collaborated with regulatory and crime-fighting partners such as the City of London Police, Paris Prosecutors' Office, Singapore Attorney General, Europol and Interpol, and is known for his ability to build and manage teams collaboratively across borders and agencies.



## Related Materials

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Are you interested in protecting your office? PCE can help! [Visit PCE's Consulting Services' Office Assessment Page of the website.](#) You can explore the Cyber Security Poster as well as [apply for an assessment.](#)



# PCE



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EXAMPLE:  
2022 ATTACK  
IN SUFFOLK  
COUNTY, NY



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You will need to apply for CLE credit on your own through your state's specific process. Most jurisdictions have this as an option. Some jurisdictions require members to apply and report within 30 days of the original program date. We hope that the **Uniform Certificate of Attendance** will aid you in this process.

### Sign-In Sheets

To obtain CLE credit, most states require attendees to sign in at the time of the meeting. PCE will maintain a copy of the registration list as well as a record of who attended each session (present at start and end of each session) and send copies upon request.

*Here are some specific sign-in rules from a variety of states. There will be no physical sign-in sheet, instead PCE will be taking time-stamped log of participants from zoom reports. If you need a copy of our records please contact PCE.*

**Delaware Attorneys:** Delaware Attorneys and speakers seeking CLE credits must **sign in** at each individual session you attend.

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**New York Attorneys:** New York Attorneys and speakers seeking CLE credits must **sign in** and **sign out** of each individual session you attend.

**Pennsylvania Attorneys:** Pennsylvania Attorneys must complete the Pennsylvania CLE Credit Request form to report attendance at in-person programs.

**Texas Attorneys:** Texas Attorneys must complete the Texas CLE Course Attendance Form to report attendance at in-person programs.



## **UNIFORM CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE**

**SPONSOR:** Prosecutors' Center for Excellence

**ACTIVITY TITLE:** PCE Pop-Up: Cyber Threats and Cyber Emergencies - Is Your Office Prepared?

**DATE:** September 15, 2023

**LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting

### **THIS PROGRAM OFFERS A TOTAL OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Program: 2 hours of CLE Credit (not ethics), PENDING STATE APPROVAL. TO BE COMPLETED BY ATTORNEY

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# Meeting Survey

The September 15, 2023 PCE Pop-Up, *Cyber Threats and Cyber Emergencies – Is Your Office Prepared?* survey will be available at the end of the meeting. If you need proof of your survey for CLE credit please email PCE at [contactpce@pceinc.org](mailto:contactpce@pceinc.org).

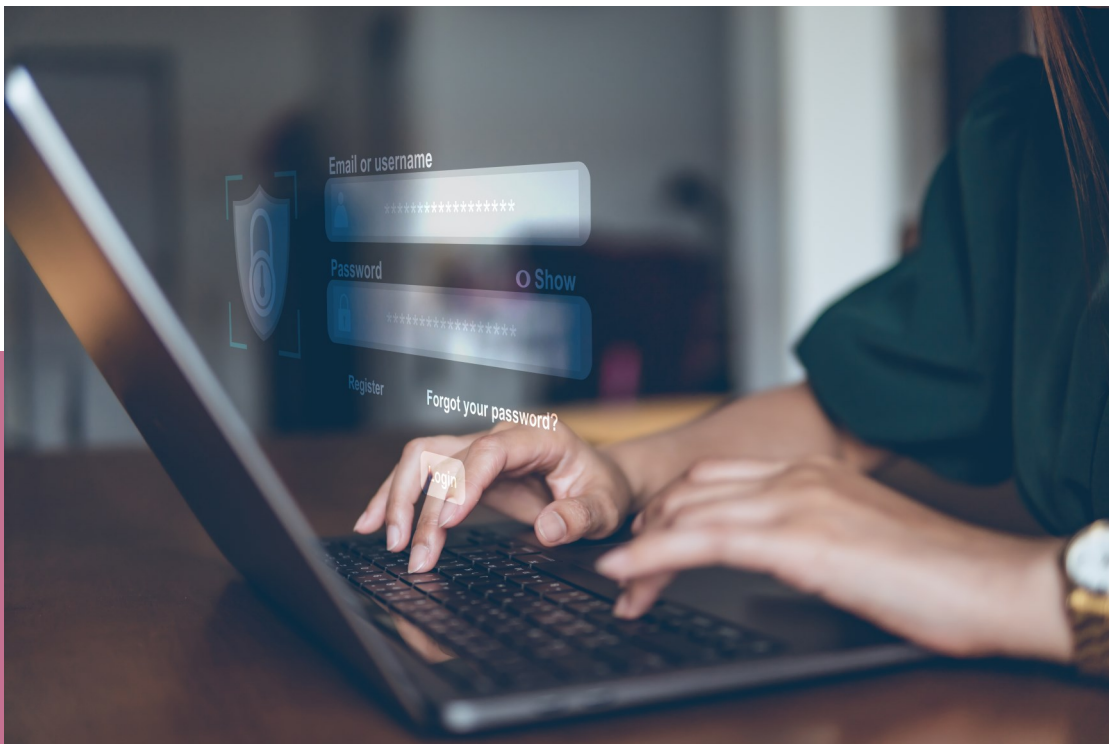
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Thank you for participating!