Ali Pabrai

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Master of Science, Electrical Engineering, **Illinois Institute of Technology**
Bachelor of Science, Computer Engineering, **Clemson University**

Career Launch — Fermilab, Dept. of Energy, Nuclear Research

Thought Leadership — Featured 20+ Countries

Creator CIW Program — 120,000+ Trained

Vice Chairman BoD CTO — Multiple Nasdaq Companies

DoW CMMC Program at ecfirst — CYBER AB Authorized C3PAO

Executive Profile

Ali Pabrai is a globally recognized cybersecurity executive, AI governance strategist, and board-level advisor with 30+ years of leadership across healthcare, defense, financial services, and critical infrastructure. As Chairman and CEO of ecfirst, he has built the firm into a premier destination for AI-driven cyber defense and regulatory compliance. His career spans Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (U.S. Dept. of Energy), and NASDAQ-listed technology firms. He served as an Interim CISO for a 40+ location health system.

Thought Leadership

Pioneer author of the first published books on HIPAA, UNIX Internetworking, and TCP/IP Network Security. Creator of the CHP, CSCS™, CCSA℠, and aiCRP certification training programs. Creator of the globally adopted CIW program, with 120,000+ professionals certified worldwide.

Global Influence

Top-rated AI and cyber defense consultant. Keynote and featured speaker at conferences worldwide. Presented globally, including USA, UK, Japan, France, UAE, Saudi Arabia, India, Singapore, Taiwan, South Africa, and several others. Trusted advisor on AI cyber defense and AI governance.

FBI InfraGard

> Pabrai is the kind of speaker you want to bring to executives and staff. He says it in a simple, no-nonsense way, in a manner that everyone can understand.
>
> Rachel Zahn | *President* | *InfraGard (FBI), Idaho Alliance*

> Pabrai's presentation style is engaging, and he encourages questions and discussions. I would recommend him for future presentations and trainings.
>
> Josh More | *Cyber Sector Chief* | *Iowa FBI InfraGard*

ISACA TOP-RATED SPEAKER

> We have had the true pleasure of working with Ali Pabrai at conferences all over the world - with one unanimous word resounding among audiences and staff alike: AWESOME
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> Michael Mach | *Conference Program Manager* | *ISACA*