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Executive Profile

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 leading provider of AI-driven cyber defense and regulatory compliance



Professional Experience

- Led thousands of engagements worldwide for ISO 27001, PCI DSS, NIST, CMMC, GDPR, CCPA, FERPA, HITRUST CSF and HIPAA/HITECH. Served as an Interim CISO for a health system with 40+ locations
- Presented passionate briefs to tens of thousands globally, including the USA, United Kingdom, France, Taiwan, Singapore, Canada, India, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Philippines, Japan, Ireland, Bahrain, Jordan, South Africa, Egypt, Ghana and other countries
- Globally renowned speaker and the author of several published works. Appointed as a member of the select HITRUST CSF Assessor Council (AI Committee) and a proud member of the InfraGard (FBI)

Thought Leadership



Quantum Computing Risk Program
Created based on NIST guidance standards



AI Governance Program
Built on NIST AI RMF, ISO 42001, ISO 27090 and state mandates



Virtual CAIO
Consulted on AI governance frameworks and cyber risk



CMMC Level 2
Extensive experience leading L2 engagements



Board Leadership
Presented to Boards and senior leadership on cyber risk, AI governance, HITRUST and CMMC certification