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Ande is the President of Deer Brook Consulting, an information security, privacy and technology consulting firm delivering services to in the small/medium business market. Under his leadership, the firm is focused on effectively and sustainably right-sizing process and technology to match client capabilities. Representative client engagements include CIO/CISO for hire, breach response and remediation, and security program development.



Ande's successful leadership of Deer Brook stems from the wealth of his experiences over the years. As the Director of Information Security following the data breach of the US division of a top-25 multi-national retailer, he successfully rebuilt its information security and privacy compliance programs, leading a team of 16 people, with programmatic responsibility for more than 100,000 associates, 1,600 retail locations, and three data centers. In this role, he had direct compliance responsibilities for a wide range of regulator regimes, including those under the PCI DSS, HIPAA, and Gramm-Leach-Bliley.

Ande also served as COO of a fast growing information security and IT consultancy. In addition to leading the company's business and internal IT operations, he personally consulted with government and private sector clients on information security and governance, including response to and remediation and recovery from data breaches.

Ande instills Deer Brook with practical and sustainable focus, informed by his leadership and management experience, including his service as a Submarine Officer, where he recently led 800 reserve component sailors nationwide as an undersea warfare battle force for the US Navy. Ande also brings legal acumen to bear to his consulting engagements, with over fifteen years of firm practice and as in-house counsel, specializing in IT, privacy and regulatory compliance.

Ande holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a Master of Public Affairs from the University of Connecticut, and a JD from the University of Maine School of Law. A registered patent attorney, he is also admitted to the bars of Maine and New Hampshire.

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