CMA uses OnDMARC to lay down the law with email impersonation

OnDMARC protect the domains of 4 of the 5 magic circle law firms\(^1\) in the UK as well as international firms such as Campos Mello Advogados (CMA). CMA operates throughout Brazil in cooperation with multinational law firm DLA Piper. As company partners, the two firms shared some IT infrastructure which generates 40,000+ outbound emails a week to clients, partners, and suppliers.

Independently upholding email security standards

After sharing infrastructure with DLA Piper, CMA’s IT team were tasked with becoming more independent and to migrate their systems to the cloud, including Mimecast and Office 365. It was essential they were able to administer and secure a new and more independent infrastructure.

Laying down the law outside of their network boundary

At CMA they were aware of DMARC’s ability to block email impersonation that doesn’t even cross the domain owner’s network boundary. IT Manager, Ruy Fernando explained “We needed a DMARC tool to understand the fake email activity outside of our environment. OnDMARC took only a small investment from our security budget which gave us this ability and more.” Here are the highlights:

1) **Expertise** IT Manager, Ruy Fernando said: ‘No one had used OnDMARC before so there wasn’t any expertise. We tried other tools for a similar price, but OnDMARC was simpler to use and the customer support was great’.

2) **Speed** After finishing outstanding Mimecast configurations in line with OnDMARC’s recommendations, CMA were able to fast track their email security from reporting only to quarantine in just one week.

3) **Compliance** Brazil’s new data protection law, LGPD, brings in new compliance from August 2020. IT Manager Ruy Fernando commented, “OnDMARC’s Analyzer tool lets us check a supplier’s email protection to protect ourselves and our client’s personal data”.

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Highlights

- 5,677 unauthorized emails were identified and treated in just 30 days.
- After 6 months of diverting spoof emails, CMA noticed a 34% reduction in attempts to impersonate their domain.
- Outstanding configurations for Mimecast were easily fixed with OnDMARC’s guidance.
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Stopping the impostor’s efforts with ongoing regulation

As project lead, IT Manager Ruy Fernando had a great first experience with OnDMARC explaining “I was really impressed with how easy it was to use. I led the DMARC project myself from the start and now log in only once a week to check the status of our domain and if there are any new alerts to address as we continue to progress to full protection”. This emphasizes the important role OnDMARC plays in the ongoing maintenance of vital email services. If something breaks, which can happen… then the team needs to know not just that it has happened, but what to do about it too.

CMA is confident in their email security thanks to OnDMARC’s ongoing visibility reassuring them that they’re on top of everything and that it won’t take long to get to full protection since it took one week to get to quarantine safely. In fact, once in quarantine, a report highlighted that in just 30 days 5,677 fake emails were diverted to junk mail for failing DMARC validation, instead of being delivered to their intended recipients and possibly damaging their reputation if a phishing attack had been successful. Beyond that, the firm noticed a 34% reduction in spoof emails over 6 months as a result of attempts to impersonate their domain being continuously blocked over time.

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Get in touch today to find out more about how OnDMARC can quarantine fake emails, drastically reducing spoof emails attempts on your domain.

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Our first product on the Red Sift platform is OnDMARC, a SaaS product that helps to implement and maintain DMARC. This email authentication protocol effectively blocks phishing attacks and increases the deliverability of genuine emails.