



CASE STUDY

HYAS PROTECT LAYERED WITH MICROSOFT DEFENDER FOR ENDPOINT

COMPANY AT A GLANCE

Quarles & Brady has provided quality legal services to a wide range of industries for more than 125 years. As a multidisciplinary AmLaw 200 legal services provider, it utilizes a team of approximately 475 attorneys spread across the country with a range of specialties to ensure they can match the right attorney with the right job. The firm prides itself on treating all of their clients like partners, taking an invested interest in helping them achieve their business goals. Quarles & Brady has worked with an extensive and diverse catalog of clients, including major national and multinational corporations, technology companies, educational and research institutions, municipalities and government agencies, charitable organizations, industry executives, and high-net-worth individuals.

CHALLENGES

- Needed reliable security for endpoint devices, especially when they are outside of the firm's VPN.
- Deployment had to be quick, comprehensive, and resource effective.
- Must protect 1,700 endpoints used by individuals spread across the country or abroad.
- Solution needed to provide protection without adding to the security team's workload.

RESULTS

- Deploy in hours, if not minutes, through integration with Microsoft Defender for Endpoint.
- Comprehensive DNS protection without having to deploy and additional agent to endpoint devices.
- Little day-to-day management required, delivering huge security value without sacrificing valuable work hours.



Easy Integration

When providing legal services, clients often have very specific cybersecurity requirements that must be met before doing business – meaning Quarles & Brady has adopted a security-in-layers approach. To address client concerns about device protection while outside the company's VPN, the Quarles & Brady team settled on protective DNS as the solution. A member of the team had used protective DNS in the past and was impressed by the technology's capabilities. "The firewall used to be the big bad 'I'm going to stop everything solution.'" explains James Oryszczyn, Director of Security and Network Services for Quarles & Brady, "But I think it has so many holes in it now that it has become just a very small part of the overall cyber protection strategy."

They scrutinized some of the largest players in the field, even going so far as conducting proof of concept trials with some vendors. Eventually, they discovered HYAS Protect and were immediately impressed by its ease of deployment via integration with Microsoft Defender for Endpoint – software that the firm already had through their Microsoft Office 365 E5 license. (Note: This also comes bundled with an E3 license.)

No Additional Agent

One thing was clear to the security team at Quarles & Brady when they began their search for a protective DNS solution: they did not want to deal with having to install and run another agent on their approximately 1,700 endpoint devices. They already had a number of network and security measures in place that required them to deploy agents, and in addition to the hassle this presents, they had run into issues with preinstalled agents not working correctly or a failure from one causing downstream problems with others. All of the protective DNS vendors they had considered before discovering HYAS Protect would have required the deployment of yet another endpoint agent. Since HYAS Protect integrates directly with Microsoft Defender for Endpoint, deployment was as simple as activating the integration. The team found the entire process quick and easy, and they were impressed by the level of personalized support they received.

Minimal Workload

As more and more security layers are added to a company's infrastructure, more work hours are often required to manage them. That's why it was extremely important to the Quarles & Brady team that the protective DNS solution they ultimately chose would function effectively without needing constant attention and tuning.

"I have a small team. When you have to keep adding these tools and each one of them has a management component, it means I have to be very, very careful that they don't take up so much of my management time that I'm avoiding everything else." said Oryszczyn. "This tool was not that way. From implementation on, it's been easy to manage."

Though you can simply leave HYAS Protect to its own devices – as it is constantly being automatically updated based on HYAS's advanced, machine learning-driven threat intelligence – the team also liked having the ability to really dig into the data if they wanted to.

For Quarles & Brady, HYAS Protect turned out to be the ideal cybersecurity solution, meeting both their agentless deployment and minimal management requirements.

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HYAS PROTECT

HYAS Protect enforces security and blocks command and control (C2) communication used by malware, ransomware, phishing, and supply chain attacks. All the while, it delivers on-demand intelligence to enhance your existing security and IT governance stack.



WE'RE NOT HERE TO PLAY CAT AND MOUSE WE'RE OUT TO CHANGE THE GAME

HYAS is a valued partner and world-leading authority on cyber adversary infrastructure and communication to that infrastructure. We help businesses see more, do more, and understand more about the nature of the threats they face, or don't even realize they are facing, on a daily basis. Our vision is to be the leading provider of confidence and cybersecurity that today's businesses need to move forward in an ever-changing data environment.