

# Vikas Bhatia

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**Summary:** Innovative, business first and executive facing cleared (TS/SCI/NATO – with Poly ) Cyber risk / compliance professional who has delivered innovative mission critical solutions at every stage of the implementation lifecycle to over 130+ companies.

## **Professional Timeline:**

### **November 2024 – April 2025 – Independent Consulting**

CISO, GRC, AI, Risk Consulting (Contract & Remote)

#### Key Projects include:

- Pre-launch AI Agency – AI & Cybersecurity Risk advisor to the CEO
- EvolutionIQ – Tasked by the CISO to project manage evidence collection for HiTrust Audit
- Harness - Own SOC2 certification process and deliver final report within 60 days
- Big Pharma Vendor - Retained as the organization's first CISO to meet security / privacy compliance requirements

### **May 2024 – October 2024 – InMarket Media LLC**

VP, Information Security, Remote

#### Key Achievements:

- Partnered with Counsel & C-Suite during FTC Order response
- Implemented the foundational enterprise risk governance framework & library in partnership with Management, Legal & HR
- Delivered a 2 year, 3-phase, Enterprise Technology & Information security maturity plan to management
- Partnered with Sales and Legal teams to respond to Customer's information security assessments
- Revised & implemented policy framework including Internal Controls, Risk Management, Information Security & AI
- Aligned Product management, Development & Cloud Infrastructure teams to enterprise risk framework
- Managed technology risk during M&A transaction

### **March 2024 – May 2024 – National Geospatial Intelligence Agency (NGA)**

Cybersecurity Lead - Office Inspector General (OIG) Audit, Springfield, VA.

#### Key Achievements:

- Represented OIG during intra-Intelligence Agency AI & Technology related risk assessments
- Oversaw FISMA Vulnerability Management audit in line with NGA OIG guidance and Yellow book Auditing Standards
- Reviewed FISMA assessments conducted by contractors to prepare audit work papers

### **May 2018 – February 2024 – JustProtect Inc.**

Founder, CEO & Chief Risk Officer, Tampa, FL.

#### Key Achievements:

- Oversee all internal legal, compliance, privacy, product development, information security & technology risks
- Raised \$750k in financing & oversaw product to \$700k ARR
- Product owner for the JustProtect SaaS Risk Assessment platform (conducted 5k assessments with 60% efficiency)
- Finalist in ABB's Electrification challenge, "Cyber security assessment in electrical substations"
- Finalist in FDIC's, "From Hurricanes to Ransomware: Measuring Resilience in the Banking World" Tech sprint <sup>1</sup>
- Design of Finance, Healthcare, Education, Utilities, Manufacturing industry & compliance specific solutions
- Manage internal SOC2, ISO27000, FedRAMP and StateRamp compliance programs

### **August 2012 – May 2018 Kalki Consulting LLC**

Virtual CISO (Multiple Clients), New York, NY.

#### Notable client projects and Roles

- Federal Reserve, Information Security New York - Senior Risk assessor and Co-led a re-design of vendor risk assessment process
- Blackrock – Designed and led SMB risk assessment approach to Risk & Legal organization
- Blackstone – Led global identity and access management gap evaluation and redesign
- Performed strategic and tactical security roles during buy and sell side M&A transactions
- Designed, built and implemented multiple Enterprise Risk Management & Information Security Management programs
- Provided CISO advisory to financial services, technology, healthcare and retail organizations
- Multiple Fintech SaaS startups - led and implemented a compliance aligned Infosec Programs into agile SDLC processes

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fdic.gov/news/press-releases/2021/pr21090.html>

## **November 2006 – April 2012 Deloitte & Touche (Multiple Roles)**

**February 2011– April 2012: Northeast Deloitte-HP Alliance / Business Development Manager, New York, USA**

### Key Achievements:

- Enhanced and delivered client focused sales strategies resulting in a 300% revenue increase
- Fostered and Managed executive relationships within HP & Deloitte's senior leadership
- Developed and strategic initiatives to align HP Enterprise Security Products to Deloitte delivery methodologies
- Oversaw joint go to market and communications programs at the client, solution or industry levels

**January 2008 – February 2011: Security & Privacy Services Manager – Technology Risk (Security & Privacy)**

### Notable client projects and Role:

- Constellation Energy: NERC & HIPAA compliance ArcSight Alerting & Monitoring Subject Matter Expert
- Target Corporation: Target.com transformation - Cyber Threat & Incident Response lead
- American Express Global Corporate Credit Cards: Global data privacy risk mapping co-lead
- CIT Bank (F500 Holding Company): FFIEC - Information Security and Data Privacy Breach response Project Lead
- Health Quest Hospital System: Data breach2 response Consultant & Information Security & IT transformation Lead

**November 2006 – December 2007: Senior Security Consultant, Security & Privacy Services, London, UK**

### Notable client projects and Role:

- VISA: Enterprise network security led to the internal audit function during a SAS70 assessment
- Shell Oil: Security lead during an audit of a global operating system deployment to 180,000 desktops
- Johnson Media: Independent security review and risk assessment for new infrastructure deployment
- Marks & Spencer's: Network security architecture lead during a PCI compliance driven assessment
- National Audit Agency: Assisted Global Biometrics lead to develop and deliver client focused workshops
- Internal: Designed and delivered an internal Identity and Access management workshop

## **September 2000 – October 2006 CapGemini UK**

**Sept 2003 – Oct. 2006: (Cleared) Security MSSP Technical Consultant, London, UK.**

### Role overview and key achievements:

- Provided 24x7x365 Information Security support to 23 cross-industry mission critical clients
- Partnered with client stakeholders during projects, audit & recertification and change management initiatives
- Enhanced & Re-engineered BAU, business continuity and disaster recovery workflows, procedures and technologies
- Performed primary escalation and management roles during crisis and incidents and project activity
- Provided technical leadership during national and international "Tiger Team" client assignments
- Provided support during penetration tests, vulnerability assessments, firewall and IDS Audits or M&A activity

**June 2002 – August 2003: Senior (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> line) WINTEL / MCSE Solutions Consultant, London, UK.**

### Key achievements:

- Designed, built & supported Microsoft Mobile Information Server Environment delivering mobile email to executives
- Designed, built & supported CapGemini's first off-shore development & SSL VPN environment

**September 2000 – May 2002: 24x7 3rd Line National WINTEL Engineer / Deputy Team lead (~15,000 Users), London, UK.**

### Key achievements:

- Key roles during high profile infrastructure incidents e.g., Disaster Recovery, power outages
- Performed and lead key roles during global virus outbreaks e.g. "I Love You", "Nimda", "Sircam" and "MyDoom"

**Nov 1999 – May 2000 BBC Technology 2nd Line Technical Support (~5000 users) and MCSE Trainer, London, UK.**

**Feb 1999–Sept 1999 ICL (AXA Insurance) 1st & 2nd Line National Service Desk (~5000 users), Stevenage, UK.**

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<sup>2</sup> <https://attrition.org/dataloss/2006/08/vbmc01.html>

## **Professional Certifications:**

- Boardroom **Qualified Technology Expert (QTE)**
- Service Assurance for Federal Reserve (SAFR)
- Certified Chief Information Security Officer (C|CISO)
- Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP)
- Certified Information Privacy Professional (CIPP)
- EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker
- GIAC Security Essentials Certification (GSEC Certified)
- ITIL V3 Foundation
- Microsoft Windows NT4 & W2k (MCSE)

## **Regulatory Compliance, Industry Frameworks & Standards (Selected)**

- Regulations: HIPAA, GLBA, SOX, SEC, FFIEC, PCI DSS, NERC/CIP
- International / Federal / State Privacy Laws e.g., GDPR, NY Shield, and CCPA
- AI Standards: ISO 42001, ISO 23894, ISO 5339 & NIST AI.600-1
- Infosec Standards: ISO/IEC 27001/2 & COBIT, FISMA, NIST-800-53 & HMG IAS
- Certifications: HITRUST, SO2C, ISO & PCI-DSS

## **Technical Enterprise Security Experience – Hands-On & Management**

- Cloud Infrastructure security (AWS, Google, Azure)
- GRC Solutions (Archer & ServiceNow)
- SIEM and Log Management Technologies (ArcSight)
- Remote Connectivity, Perimeter, Web Application, Database and Infrastructure Operations & security management
- End point Vulnerability Management, Network Intrusion Detection/Prevention, Anti-Virus and Data Loss Prevention
- Identity and Access lifecycle Management & authentication solutions
- Cloud Infrastructure security (AWS, Google, Azure)

## **Software Development Experience – Hands-On (2 years) & Management (6 years)**

- Front end technologies: HTML, CSS, React
- Backend technologies: C#, .net, Golang
- Databases: MySQL GRC Solutions (Archer & ServiceNow)
- Infrastructure: AWS, Google cloud

## **Awards (Selected)**

- <https://www.fdic.gov/news/press-releases/2021/pr21090.html>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZ2gu0tt9rM>

## **Public Speaking & Commentary (Selected):**

- <https://floridapoly.edu/news/articles/2021/03/031821-capstone-justprotect.php>
- <https://www.tf7radio.com/guests/#:~:text=Episode%2036-,Vikas%20Bhatia,-Vikas%20Bhatia%20is>
- <https://privacypleasepodcast.buzzsprout.com/622234/8546982-s2-e67-vikas-bhatia-founder-ceo-justprotect-cybersecurity-advisor-speaker>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFOAUyz6qv8>
- <https://events.infosecworldusa.com/2022event/speaker/516571/vikas-bhatia>
- <https://open.spotify.com/episode/7bqPzOULFiUpDbNvxqlz7j>
- [https://www.privacysecurityacademy.com/dt\\_team\\_category/psf-speaker-2019/page/13/](https://www.privacysecurityacademy.com/dt_team_category/psf-speaker-2019/page/13/)
- [https://issuu.com/honeysucklemagazine/docs/honeysuckle\\_home\\_issue\\_\\_4/54](https://issuu.com/honeysucklemagazine/docs/honeysuckle_home_issue__4/54)

## **Professional Associations:**

- InfraGard CISO Cross Sector Chair
- Cloud Security Alliance – Continuous Security Metrics Working Group Member

## **Formal Education**

- BA Hrs. Economics (with German Language) from Kingston University, UK (Graduated 1998)