

Hackers Beware: Courts in NJ Extend Jurisdiction

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In two unrelated decisions issued Wednesday, New Jersey courts have asserted jurisdiction over accused hackers who have no connection to the state, but allegedly sought to inflict harm on Garden State residents.

Published decisions focusing on jurisdiction in hacking cases are a welcome sight for New Jersey lawyers. Jurisdictional disputes in hacking cases are becoming more common, and courts have issued plenty of rulings, but there are few published decisions, said Scott Christie, a litigator at McCarter & English in Newark who handles internet-related civil and criminal cases.