



PROFESSIONAL

- Nationally Recognized Identity Theft Expert
- Member, International Association of Privacy Professionals
- Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist
- Expert Member - Alexander Haig's World Business Review Advisory Board
- Coauthor of If You Are Me Then Who Am I? - The Personal and Business Reality of Identity Theft, Chicken Soup for the Entrepreneur's Soul and Living at the Summit
- 30+ years of his professional life practicing law as a third generation attorney
- Four Terms as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives
- Four years as a Commissioner for the South Carolina Department of High ways and Public Transportation - Chairman of the Highway Patrol Committee

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC
- Juris Doctor University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia SC

AN ATTORNEY AND ONE OF THE NATIONS LEADING EXPERTS ON IDENTITY THEFT

While others were scrambling to tell people to lock their mailboxes and shred their credit card statements, Mr. Gardner was warning consumers of the potential health risks, Social Security and tax issues, financial disasters, and the reality that they could face false imprisonment as a result of someone stealing their identity. He has consulted with various State Governmental entities, including members of the Kentucky Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, and the South Carolina Senate Finance and House Judiciary Committee Staff on Identity Theft, Privacy and Data Protection legislation. He has helped to implement Identity Theft Protection programs which today protect hundreds of thousands of Americans' Identities and even more recently, he has been educating Major Corporations, Hospitals, Government Agencies and Small Businesses on how to better protect the Identities and Non-public Information of their employees and customers. Mr. Gardner has traveled extensively across North America speaking to groups and providing training to many organizations. As a Keynote Speaker on Identity Theft, Privacy, and Data Protection, he has presented to the National Association of Insurance Women (NAIW), The Independent Physicians Association of America (TIPAAA), The Oklahoma Chiefs of Police Association, the Professional Healthcare Institute of America (PHIA), the National Restaurant Association (NRA), and the American Recovery Association (ARA). He has trained at the International Association of Privacy Professionals (IAPP), American Association of Managing General Agents (AAMGA) University, the National Convention of the Public Risk Manager's Association (PRIMA) and been broadcast live over Ford Motor's Dealer Network to all their Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Mazda and Volvo Dealers. He as well has conducted Continuing Education Programs on Identity Theft, Data Protection, and Privacy Laws for the Arizona Bar Association, Tennessee Municipal Attorneys Association, Wisconsin Bar Association as well as Insurance and Human Resource Continuing Education Programs.

Mr. Gardner is a coauthor of If You Are Me, Then Who Am I? - The Personal and Business Reality of Identity Theft and Chicken Soup for the Entrepreneur's Soul, one of the books in the best selling non-fiction series in history.

Previously, Mr. Gardner served four terms in the South Carolina General Assembly and actively practiced law for twenty three years. He is a member of the International Association of Privacy Professionals, a Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist, and an Expert Member of Alexander Haig's World Business Review Advisory Board.