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Seth DuCharme draws on his experience serving in senior leadership positions at the Department of Justice to represent companies and individuals in the investigation and defense of a wide variety of federal and state regulatory, criminal and civil matters, including cryptocurrency enforcement, national security, cross border regulation, cyber security and data breach response, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) diligence and litigation, Foreign Agents Registration Act (FARA), export controls, sanctions compliance and anti-money laundering.

Prior to joining Bracewell, Seth served for 13 years in the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York where he held various positions, including Acting US Attorney, Chief of the Criminal Division and Chief of the National Security & Cybercrime Section. From March 2019 through July 2020, Seth served on detail to Main Justice, where he served first as the Senior Counselor to the Attorney General for criminal, national security and cyber matters before attaining the position of Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General of the United States — the highest ranking career prosecutor in the Department of Justice.

In his various leadership roles at the US Attorney's Office, Seth supervised some of the Department's most important cases, including the investigation of a global financial institution for its involvement in an international bribery scheme; the indictment of a Chinese tech conglomerate; the RICO prosecution of the leader of a sex trafficking cult; the arrest and indictment of eight individuals charged with conspiring to act as illegal agents of a foreign nation; and the conclusion of a deferred prosecution agreement over a major financial institution in connection with its potential exposure for international money laundering.

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Seth is a frequent media commentator and guest lecturer. Prior to attending law school, he began his career in law enforcement as a Deputy United States Marshal in the Eastern District. After graduating from Fordham University School of Law in 2003, Seth clerked for the Honorable Richard Owen of the US District Court for the Southern District of New York and then spent several years as an associate at a prominent international law firm in New York City. In 2021, Seth was appointed to serve on the Criminal Justice Act Panel in the Eastern District of New York.

Experience

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Credentials

Education

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., 2003, *cum laude*, *Order of the Coif*
- Hamilton College, B.A., 1992, *with honors*

Bar Admissions

- New York

Recognition

Chambers USA

- New York Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations, 2024

The Legal 500 United States

- Dispute Resolution – Corporate Investigations and White Collar Criminal Defense, 2022 – 2024

Lawdragon Inc.

- *Lawdragon 500 Leading Litigators in America*, White Collar and Investigations, including Cryptocurrency, 2024 – 2025

Thomson Reuters

- *New York Metro Super Lawyers*, 2022 – 2023

Government Media Executive Group LLC

- *City & State New York*, Law Power 100, 2021

Executive Office of the US Attorneys

- Director's Award, 2018

Stein Scholars

- In the Interest of Others Award, 2015

Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association

- Team Achievement Award, 2013

Federal Bureau of Investigations

- "Eagle" Award for Counterterrorism, 2013

Federal Law Enforcement Foundation

- Prosecutor of the Year, 2012

US District Court for the Southern District of New York

- Judicial Law Clerk

Fordham Law Review

- Notes and Articles Editor

Resources

Environmental Justice: DOJ Enforcement Priorities

Video

Bracewell Legal Bites: Government Enforcement and Investigation Trends Under the Biden Administration

Video

Anatomy of a Cyber Attack: How Effective Communication in the Eye of the Storm Can Help Companies Weather Technical, Reputational and Legal Perils Webinar

Video

Navigating the Rapid Tempo of Evolving Sanctions and Export Controls

Video

Diving Into Ransomware

Podcast

Know Your Client, Know Your Customer, Know Your Counterparty Practice

Podcast

Sanctions and Export Controls

Video

Navigating Domestic and Cross-Border Data Privacy Risks With Lucy Tyson and Brittney Justice

Podcast

Countering the Threat of Workplace Violence

Video

The Shadow Path

Podcast

Cybersecurity, Data Privacy and Sanctions Developments

Video

Keeping Pace With the Evolving Sanctions Enforcement Regime

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Quick Hit: Search Warrants

Podcast

Monitor/Sidebar Crossover Part 1: I Am The One Who Knocks

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Part 1-Classified Information in Federal Criminal Litigation and the Need to Know With Sid Kamaraju

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Part 2 – Classified Information in Federal Criminal Litigation and the Need to Know With Sid Kamaraju

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Smarter Contracts on the Blockchain: A Conversation With Bracewell's Jeonghoon Ha

Podcast

Assessing Risk in a Rapidly Evolving Digital and Physical World With Brian Mich of Control Risks

Podcast

Cracking the Crypto Code: Unraveling the Complexities of Digital Finance With Amanda Wick

Podcast

Cooperation Credit: What Are the Rules Now?

Podcast

Monitor/Sidebar Crossover Part 2: I Am the One Who Knocks

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Surviving and Thriving in a Hostile Cyber Environment

Video

ESG Seminar: ESG Fundamentals and Litigation

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Criminal Investigations and Prosecutorial Discretion in HSE

Video

The Crossroads of Crypto and Cyber

Podcast

Cybersecurity and Infrastructure with Phil Bezanson and Seth DuCharme

Podcast

Bitcoin Mining, Renewable Energy and ESG – What You Learn Will Surprise You, With Special Guest Ben Kincaid, Founding Partner of Bridger Solutions

Podcast

Biden Administration Prioritizes Increased and Broadened Anti-Corruption Enforcement

Update

OFAC Ransomware Update

Update

DOJ's Torpedoes Are in the Water: Be Your Own Monitor, or One Will Be Appointed for You

Update

Ransomware Victims Told to Think Twice Before Paying Hackers

Update

China's New Data Privacy Law Is Sweeping and Serious: Avoid the High Cost of Noncompliance

Update

SEC Is Still Cyber Serious About Disclosures

Update

Privilege Dwindles for Data Breach Reports

Update

SEC Gets Cyber-Serious About Disclosures

Update

Avoid a Fall Out With the Feds: Planning for Increased Cyber Regulations

Update

The SEC Joins DOJ's War on Corporate Offenders

Update

DOJ Trumpets New Multi-Faceted Cryptocurrency Task Force: What this Means for You

Update

Patch Up – Log4j and How to Avoid a Cybercrime Christmas

Update

Government Enforcement and Investigations Year-In-Review: The Administration Has Moved Its Pieces into Place

Update

Cyber Siren Warning – When State Actors Attack

Update

Amid a Minefield of Sanctions and Export Controls, Here's How to Provide Aid to Ukraine

Update

KYC in a Digital World, How New Sanctions and AML Expectations Have Upped the Stakes and What You Need to Do About it

Update

Sanctions and Cyber and Crypto, Oh My: The Convergence of Emerging Regulatory and Enforcement Risks Requires Nimble Responses Across Sectors

Update

The US Government Has a New Stopwatch for Cyber Incident Reporting: What You Need to Know Now

Update

Voyager: The Convergence of Chapter 11 and the Crypto Winter

Update

TSA Revises Cybersecurity Directive for Critical Pipeline and LNG Facilities

Update

Check It Once, Check It Twice: OFAC Requests Daily Screenings of SDN List for Sanctions Compliance

Update

More Wiggle Room for White Hat Hackers?

Update

DOJ to Companies: If You Step Up & Own Up, You Might Not Have to Pay Up

Update

Bittrex, the Crypto Platform Whose Motto Is to "Trade Beyond the Trend," Runs Into OFAC's Trend of Strict US Sanctions Enforcement

Update

SEC Notches Win in Cryptocurrency Registration Battle

Update

TSA's New Cyber Directive for Freight & Passenger Railroad Carriers are the Agency's Latest Move to Keep the Nation on Track

Update

DOJ to Prosecutors: Think Twice and Ask Permission Before Charging

Update

Personal Devices and Messaging Platforms in the Workplace: Tips, Tactics and Best Practices for In-House Counsel

Article

SEC Cybersecurity Reporting Requirements for Public Companies: Applying Old Standards to New Risks

Update

Bracewell Legal Bites: What Should We Infer From the US Governments Aggressive Actions in the Crypto Industry?

Video

Navigating Compliance Trends With a Roadmap to a Corporate Culture of Integrity

Article

DOJ Spotlights Voluntary Self Disclosure in M&A as it Adapts to New National Security Threats

Update

Lifting the Fog on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act: Enforcement and Compliance Trends to Watch in San Francisco

Update

"Export Controls Are the New Sanctions" and Other Enforcement Trends for 2024

Update

The Race to Report: DOJ Announces Pilot Whistleblower Program

Update

Beyond Whistleblowing: Additional Highlights From the Department of Justice at the 2024 ABA White Collar Conference

Update

OFAC Expands Recordkeeping Requirements, Mandates Electronic Filings

Update

Greenwashing: Emerging Compliance and Cross-Border Legal Risks

Blog Post

Environmental Essentials Webinar Series – Greenwashing and Carbon Targets: A Prosecutor’s Perspective

Video

Enforcement Trends 2025: Magic 8 Ball Says “Try Again Later”

Update

Will FARA Get a Facelift? DOJ Proposes Updated Regulations for the First Time in 15 Years

Update

Guiding Your Company Through Trump’s New Latin America Enforcement Policy

Update

Publications & Speeches

- "Ransomware Prevention, Detection, and Preparation Best Practices," Cybersecurity Essentials for In-House Counsel, March 30, 2022.
- "Effective Tools for Responding to Governmental and Regulatory Investigations: Finding Alignment Early to Set the Table for Success," General Counsel Conference East, NY, September 22, 2021.
- "Equality Under the Law and Rule of Law," Rule of Law Symposium, May 7, 2021.
- Program on Extremism, George Washington University, October 20, 2020.
- Annual Conference of United States Attorneys, September 23, 2020.
- Department of Justice National Opioid Summit, March 4, 2020.

- "Building a Cyber Practice: Lessons Learned," *Journal of Federal Law and Practice*, February 2019.
- *Lures and Strikes: Strategies and Tactics for Investigations of Foreign Nationals*, USABook.
- "Counterterrorism in an Age of Extremism," AJC Council, November 29, 2017.
- "Disruption and Early Engagement Program for National Security Threats," Naval Post Graduate School, November 16, 2017.
- "New Tools for Risk Management in Counterterrorism," Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, University of Virginia, November 9, 2017.
- "International Cybercrime: Navigating the Law of the Web," French-American Foundation, November 8, 2017.
- "Terrorism Prevention," National Counterterrorism Center, November 1, 2017.
- "Mitigating the Risks of the Financing of Proliferation," The Center on Law and Security, New York University School of Law, July 13, 2017.
- "Preventing the Next Tsarnaev: Cutting Edge Tools for Law Enforcement," NYPD Cyber Intelligence & Counterterrorism Conference, February 2, 2017.
- "Evolving Trends in Cybersecurity Personal Privacy, Immigration, iPhone Confidentiality vs. National Security: Where Do We Stand on the Issues Today?" New York County Lawyers Association, June 2016.
- Annual Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council Conference, National Geo-spatial Intelligence Agency, April 2016.