

Seth Goertz

Partner

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A former federal prosecutor, Seth is a seasoned trial lawyer with extensive experience in white collar crime, government investigations, cryptocurrency, and cybercrime.

During his time as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, Seth partnered with federal agencies to investigate and prosecute financial fraud and cybercrimes. Seth has also been responsible for litigating numerous civil and criminal matters including several high-profile cases in Arizona. As a result, he is a trusted advocate for individuals and entities facing government investigation or other regulatory efforts.

Seth is also highly experienced in cybersecurity matters and is Chair of Dorsey's Cybersecurity Practice Group. While at the Department of Justice, he led the District of Arizona's Darknet Marketplace and Digital Currency Crimes Task Force. He shares knowledgeable insights regarding how companies can proactively mitigate cybersecurity and cryptocurrency risks, and how they can effectively respond to threats and problems when they occur. He has appeared on NPR, Bloomberg Law, and has been quoted in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and numerous other publications.

In his civil practice, Seth focuses on resolving complex commercial disputes and government litigation, including contract, healthcare, and financial services.

Select Experience

- Lead attorney in multiple federal jury trials, including a six-week investment fraud trial involving a loss to investors of nearly \$80 million, and a two-week fraud trial involving losses of nearly \$15 million.
- Coordinated the District of Arizona's Darknet and Cryptocurrency Task Force, which is an attorney-led coalition of federal agencies aimed at disrupting darknet activity and seizing illicitly obtained cryptocurrency.
- Served as one of the District of Arizona's Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Crime coordinators, which involved maintaining expertise in cyber-related content areas, electronic evidence, digital surveillance, and providing office-wide education.

Education

- University of Iowa College of Law (J.D., 2014)
 - *with distinction*, Jurisprudence Award for Academic Excellence
- Wheaton College (M.A., Ancient Languages and Literature, 2010)
 - *cum laude*
- University of Arizona (B.A., History, 2007)
 - Dean's List

Bar Admissions

- Arizona

- Directed one of the DOJ's largest-ever cryptocurrency seizures by leading a nationwide effort to seize more than a \$100 million in cryptocurrency from an overseas investment fraud scheme, resulting in a nomination for the DOJ's highest merit award and an FBI Citation of Special Merit.

Accolades

- FBI Citation of Special Merit, 2023
- Adult Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, 2017
- Rising Star Man of the Year, American Cancer Society, 2016

Additional Information

- [How FTX's Young Executives Shattered Their Parents](#), The New York Times, 2024
- [Case Study: DOJ and FBI Phoenix Seize \\$112M in Proceeds from Crypto-related Scams](#), TRM, 2023
- [Justice Department Seizes Over \\$112M in Funds Linked to Cryptocurrency Investment Schemes](#), DOJ, 2023

Insights

March 12, 2026

DOJ Releases "First-Ever" Corporate Enforcement Policy Promoting Self-Disclosure and Cooperation

January 22, 2026

False Claims Act Settlements and Judgments Set New Record, Exceeding \$6.8 Billion in FY 2025

December 11, 2025

How Cybersecurity Standards and the False Claims Act Heighten Litigation Risks

November, 6 2025

CMMC Phase 1 Begins November 10, Raising Complex Compliance and Enforcement Risks for Federal Defense Contractors

August 27, 2025

Seth Goertz Quoted in Law360 on White Collar Crypto Defense Trends

October 16, 2024

Partner Seth Goertz Talks FBI's Crypto Sting Operation on Bloomberg Law Podcast

September 27, 2024

DOJ Updates the Evaluation of Corporate Compliance Program Memorandum, Emphasizing Emerging Technologies, Data Analytics, and Whistleblower

Protections

September 4, 2024

DOJ on Campus: DOJ's First Intervention in False Claims Act Case Alleging University Knowingly Failed to Meet Contractual Cybersecurity Requirements

August 29, 2024

Seth Goertz Shares Insights into "World's Most Controversial App"

August 27, 2024

Seth Goertz Interviewed by NPR on Telegram App's Noncompliance

August 12, 2024

Partner Seth Goertz Comments on SEC Suit Against NovaTech

July 24, 2024

Cybercrime Trends: A Midyear Review

June 26, 2024

Seth Goertz Highlights Impacts of SEC v. Coinbase Case

June 20, 2024

Seth Goertz Discusses Nvidia's Lawsuit and Cryptocurrency Mining on the Bloomberg Law Podcast

May 7, 2024

Healthcare Fraud: A World Beyond the Anti-Kickback Statute