

Seth Goertz

Partner

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A former federal prosecutor, Seth defends individuals and companies facing white collar criminal matters, government investigations and enforcement actions, and advises companies on cybercrime and cryptocurrency risk.

As an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, Seth investigated and prosecuted financial fraud and cybercrime and served as lead counsel in multiple federal jury trials, including a six-week investment fraud trial involving nearly \$80 million in investor losses. He understands how the government builds its cases and makes charging and intervention decisions.

Seth puts that experience to work at every stage of a government investigation, from grand jury subpoenas and civil investigative demands through internal investigations, parallel proceedings, and litigation. His False Claims Act practice includes defending government contractors, healthcare providers, and other organizations in qui tam actions and DOJ investigations, as well as advising contractors on False Claims Act exposure tied to federal cybersecurity requirements.

Seth chairs Dorsey's Cybersecurity Practice Group, where he guides companies through ransomware attacks, business email compromise, and data breaches, including coordination with law enforcement and regulators. He brings the same experience to cryptocurrency matters, from tracing and recovering stolen funds to defending clients in digital asset investigations. At DOJ, he led the District of Arizona's Darknet Marketplace and Digital Currency Crimes Task Force, served as a Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property coordinator, and directed one of DOJ's largest-ever cryptocurrency seizures. His commentary on cybercrime and cryptocurrency enforcement has appeared in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Bloomberg Law, and NPR.

Seth also litigates complex commercial disputes in federal and state court and in arbitration, including contract, financial services, and healthcare matters.

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

Select Experience

- Defended a Phoenix-based health care provider in a large healthcare and insurance fraud investigation led by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, resolving the matter without criminal charges.
- Represented a senior executive of a publicly traded company in a joint U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) investigation that followed a short-seller report, guiding the client through multiple proffer sessions and avoiding charges even though other company executives were charged.
- Served as lead attorney in a six-week federal jury trial involving an investment fraud scheme that caused losses of nearly \$80 million to investors, securing a conviction in the District of Arizona.*
- Directed one of the DOJ's largest-ever cryptocurrency seizures by leading a nationwide effort to recover more than \$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.*

*Experience occurred prior to joining Dorsey.

Accolades

- *Benchmark Litigation*, "Future Star," 2026
- 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

Podcasts

- How Cybersecurity Standards and the False Claims Act Heighten Litigation Risks, December 11, 2025
- Partner Seth Goertz Talks FBI's Crypto Sting Operation on Bloomberg Law Podcast, October 16, 2024
- Seth Goertz Discusses Nvidia's Lawsuit and Cryptocurrency Mining on the Bloomberg Law Podcast, June 20, 2024
- 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

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

April 19, 2024

**DOJ's Criminal Division Launches New Self-Disclosure Pilot Program for
Individuals**