



# Adam J. Bookbinder

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Adam Bookbinder, Co-Chair of Choate's Government Enforcement & Compliance Group, is an experienced trial attorney and former Assistant U.S. Attorney who helps clients effectively address and mitigate a wide range of high-level enterprise risks. Having tried more than 25 jury trials to verdict, he is equally comfortable litigating in federal and state court, guiding clients through government investigations, and advising on cybersecurity, data privacy and cyber incident response.

In white collar defense and internal and government investigations, Adam represents institutional clients, charged defendants, potential criminal targets and witnesses in federal and state investigations and prosecutions around the country. He represents corporations and individuals in wire fraud, securities fraud, False Claims Act, money laundering, healthcare, theft of trade secret, computer network intrusion, and criminal tax prosecutions and investigations. He has also briefed and argued dozens of appeals in state and federal courts of appeal.

Adam advises clients on a wide range of cybersecurity and data privacy issues. He counsels clients on responding to cybersecurity incidents, conducting internal investigations and cybersecurity reviews, preparing incident response plans, complying with data privacy laws, interfacing with law enforcement agencies and increasing preparedness. He also defends clients in class action data privacy and data misuse litigation.

Adam served 18 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. He was chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office's Cybercrime Unit, where he supervised a unit responsible for the investigation and prosecution of computer and intellectual property crime, including computer intrusions, data breaches, network attacks, theft of trade secrets, copyright and trademark infringement, and online fraud. In this role, Adam worked with the FBI, Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to identify and respond to priority cybercrime threats.

Adam also served in the office's Economic Crimes Unit, and he led financial fraud, securities fraud and healthcare fraud investigations, prosecutions and trials throughout his tenure in the office.

## Focus Areas

Litigation and Investigations

Business and Financial Litigation

## Admissions

- Massachusetts
- U.S. Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts

## Clerkships

- Honorable Stephen Trott, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit

## Representative Engagements

- Defend global pharmaceutical company in Department of Justice False Claims Act investigation.
- Defend healthcare system in Department of Justice False Claims act investigation and negotiate settlement and corporate integrity agreement.
- Represent global transportation company in response to U.S. Attorney's Office investigation into potential employee misconduct.
- Defend global software company in two civil theft of trade secret jury trials.
- Defense of major research hospitals in data privacy and data misuse class action suit.
- Defense of global laboratory services company in theft of trade secret, breach of contract and negligence suit.
- Represent global software company in response to federal and state government investigations and government legal process.
- Advise a series of clients on investigations and responses to cybersecurity incidents, including network intrusions, thefts of customer data, and attacks by international advanced persistent threat actors.
- Defense of financial services firm employee charged with fraud by Massachusetts U.S. Attorney's Office. Persuade government to dismiss charges and enter non-prosecution agreement with employee.
- Draft cybersecurity incident response plans for financial services and biotech companies.
- Defense of manager at global eCommerce company charged with conspiracy by U.S. Attorney's Office.
- Internal investigation and defense of Massachusetts company in environmental crime investigation by Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.
- Represent witnesses in investigations by U.S. Attorney's Offices around the country and the Massachusetts State Ethics Commission.
- Advise college and university clients on cybersecurity incident response and address risk stemming from foreign nation-state actors.

## Professional & Community Involvement

- Former co-chair of the Boston Bar Association's Privacy, Cybersecurity and Digital Law Section Steering Committee
- Former co-chair of Boston Bar Association, Privacy & Cybersecurity Conference Advisory Committee
- Former member of U.S. Department of Justice Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Working Group
- Former member of Boston Bar Association, Boston Bar Journal Board of Editors
- Former member of Boston Bar Association, Criminal Law Section Steering Committee