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Areas of Focus

Financial Litigation

Fintech and Crypto Assets

Hedge, Investment, and

Private Equity Funds

Payments



Overview

Ben Seelig focuses his practice on fintech regulatory counseling, cybersecurity, data breach litigation and counseling, white-collar defense, and corporate investigations. He represents clients in regulatory inquiries, enforcement actions, and related compliance matters in front of federal and state agencies, including the Department of Justice, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the New York State Department of Financial Services, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Ben specializes in helping clients navigate complex anti-money laundering and Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) compliance issues during investigations and enforcement actions.

Ben maintains an active pro bono practice focused on immigration issues. He has experience with habeas corpus litigation for detained clients, asylum relief, special immigrant juvenile proceedings, Federal Tort Claims Act actions on behalf of families separated at the US-Mexico border, and the impact of state criminal laws on immigration proceedings.

In 2019, Ben was awarded the Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE) as one of 13 law students and early-career lawyers from around the world focused on ethics in the legal profession.

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Representative Matters

- Representing a digital assets platform in connection with a transaction monitoring lookback, compliance gap analysis, and development of enhanced policies and procedures, in connection with federal and state enforcement proceedings.
- Represented a global payments platform in enforcement proceedings related to alleged sanctions screening violations before NYDFS.
- Represented a leading cryptocurrency payments platform in enforcement proceedings related to alleged anti-money laundering and cybersecurity deficiencies before NYDFS.
- Represented several technology companies in proposed class actions under the Illinois Biometric Information Privacy Act (BIPA).
- Successfully represented cryptocurrency finance protocol company in ICANN Uniform Domain-Name Dispute-Resolution Policy (UDRP) proceeding.
- Provided privacy counseling to technology companies on the California Consumer Privacy Act, Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), BIPA, and US and international data breach laws.
- Represented pro bono client in habeas corpus proceedings and won release from immigration detention.
- Represented pro bono clients in Federal Torts Claims Act (FTCA) proceedings arising from their separation under the government's family separation policy at the U.S.- Mexico border.

Credentials

Admissions

- Illinois, 2025
- California, 2020

Education

- Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, JD, *cum laude*, 2019
- University of California, Berkeley, BA, 2010