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Biography

Gregory Lisa uses his extensive firsthand experience in anti-money laundering and consumer protection to help financial institution clients navigate the complex regulations and expectations of regulators, examination teams, and law enforcement agencies, civil and criminal.

In addition to working with established financial institutions, such as banks and credit unions, casinos, and money services businesses, Greg also represents and counsels financial services innovators, including emerging payment and finance systems, virtual currency companies, and other new financial services companies, particularly in the FinTech space.

Before joining Hogan Lovells, Greg was the Interim Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement at the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), the Treasury Department's lead regulator for overseeing and enforcing anti-money laundering laws. Greg also served as the Chief of the Money Services Businesses and Casinos Section within FinCEN's Enforcement Division. During his tenure, he supervised and conducted a number of investigations, supervisory exams, and enforcement actions across FinCEN's broad jurisdiction, including investigations into large depository institutions, global securities firms, casinos,



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Practices

Financial Services

Investigations

International Trade and Investment

Industries

Financial Institutions

Areas of focus

Anti-money Laundering

Financial Services Regulatory
Investigations and Enforcement

cryptocurrency exchangers, and other financial institutions. Many of these cases were joint investigations with other financial institution regulators, state agencies, or criminal law enforcement agencies.

Prior to his work at FinCEN, Greg served in the Office of Enforcement at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). As one of its earliest members, having joined before the actual formation of the CFPB, he helped to "stand up" the Bureau's enforcement program. Greg conducted and led a wide range of enforcement investigations relating to mortgages, student loans, credit cards, debt collection, and a host of other matters covered by the Dodd-Frank Act.

Greg was also a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice for 12 years, first in the Civil Division, and then for almost 10 years in the Criminal Division's Organized Crime and Racketeering Section as a federal prosecutor, investigating and litigating a number of cases involving money laundering, fraud, RICO, public corruption, and other violations.

Representative experience

Investigated and prosecuted first civil enforcement action for Bank Secrecy Act violations ever brought against a virtual currency company.*

Supervised every civil enforcement action brought by FinCEN for BSA violations against banks, securities broker/dealers, casinos, and other financial institutions.*

Oversaw supervisory examinations and compliance strategies relating to money services businesses, casinos, card clubs, and virtual currency entities.*

Assisted with "standing up" of Office of Enforcement during first years of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.*

Lead counsel in the CFPB's first contested

White Collar Crime and Fraud
Consumer Finance Litigation
Financial Services Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, cum laude, 1996

M.A., University of Pennsylvania, cum laude, 1993

B.A., Georgetown University, cum laude, 1990

Bar admissions and qualifications

District of Columbia

Maryland

New York

Court admissions

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit

U.S. District Court, District of Columbia

administrative action, and the CFPB's first litigation brought in federal bankruptcy court.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells Reaches Settlement On Behalf of Cryptocurrency Client with SEC in First-of-Its-Kind Decentralized Cryptocurrency Exchange Case
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Artificial Intelligence and your business: A guide for navigating the legal, policy, commercial, and strategic challenges ahead *Hogan Lovells*
- Hogan Lovells Engage
 - FATF calls for co-ordinated action to stop misuse of virtual currencies *Hogan Lovells Engage*
- Hogan Lovells Events
 - FIS Summit Series: Asia
- Blog Post
 - U.S. Treasury FinTech report: Regulation in need of extensive changes
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - New Obligations Under the NYDFS Cybersecurity Regulation Come Online September 4