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FOCUS AREAS

Government Investigations
Internet Strategy and
Litigation
National Security
Privacy and Cybersecurity
Regulatory
Strategic Risk and Crisis
Management

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cybersecurity Expertise in High-Stakes Matters**
Demian previously served as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, where he conducted innovative and high-impact cyber prosecutions. He was one of the U.S. Department of Justice's leading practitioners with respect to the Electronic Stored Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) and the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA), and handled numerous matters involving other key statutes governing electronic surveillance and privacy, such as the Cloud Act, the Wiretap Act, and the Privacy Protection Act of 1980.
- A Recognized Practitioner**
Demian received numerous awards for outstanding service as a prosecutor, including from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (2018 and 2021) and the U.S. Department of State (2022) for "elite" national security cyber expertise and "exceptional prosecutorial support and relentless efforts in combatting cyber threats" against the United States. He also served as Acting Deputy Chief of the U.S. Attorney's Office Fraud Section (which included Cyber) from 2021-2022.
- Broad Investigations and Litigation Experience**
Demian has years of experience conducting and defending high-stakes litigation and government investigations focused on corporate entities. He has handled a wide range of investigations, conducted 19 jury trials (nearly all as first chair), and argued dozens of contested matters before trial and appellate courts.

EXPERIENCE

Demian Ahn is Of Counsel in the Washington, D.C., office of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, where he is a member of the firm's privacy and cybersecurity practice. Demian's practice focuses on the representation of companies confronting cybersecurity risks, including risks from threat actors, regulatory risks from governmental bodies, and litigation risks related to data privacy regulations and cybersecurity breaches. He also provides advice and advocacy for clients needing to respond to law enforcement requests for data.

Demian is focused on emerging cybersecurity regulations and the government's expanding enforcement efforts related to cybersecurity. He helps companies navigate this increasingly complex regulatory environment so they can remain focused on innovation, growth, and profitability.

For most of his career at the U.S. Attorney's Office, Demian was a Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Prosecutor and National Security-Cyber Specialist. He led groundbreaking prosecutions of advanced persistent threat (APT) actors who targeted companies, universities, and U.S. government agencies and officials. He also handled matters involving cybersecurity-related export control violations, procured the seizure of servers and domains used by terrorists and cyber criminals, and

led investigations into organized identity theft rings. Demian's prosecutions led to convictions of the individual responsible for the largest known computer intrusion and data theft from the United States Senate; of multiple hackers who targeted banks and other financial services firms; and of individuals who carried out ransomware attacks. In addition, he prosecuted cases involving other internet-related conduct, including crimes inspired by internet conspiracy theories and cyberstalking offenses motivated by racial and religious bias.

Demian's CFAA and ECPA expertise was highly regarded in the Department of Justice, and federal law enforcement agencies across the country sought his assistance in matters that required novel evidence collection and prosecutorial strategies. He was a member of the Ransomware Action Network of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, was invited faculty at the National Security Division's training for National Security Cyber Specialists, and has presented about cybercrime before groups such as the National Association of Attorneys General and the National Association of Former United States Attorneys.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, Demian worked at a prominent multinational law firm, where he represented clients in high-stakes litigation and investigations, including matters before Congress, federal and state regulatory bodies, and federal and state trial and appellate courts.

Following law school, Demian clerked for the Honorable Frederick J. Martone of U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona. During law school, he served as a law clerk for the South African Human Rights Commission in Durban, South Africa.

CREDENTIALS

Education

- J.D., University of Michigan Law School
- B.A., Cornell University

Admissions

- Bar of the District of Columbia