

Bryan Smith Biography

Bryan Smith currently serves as FINRA's Senior Vice President for Complex Investigations & Intelligence as part of the Regulatory Operations-Investigations program. In this role, he oversees FINRA's specialized investigative teams through the Cyber and Analytics group which houses FINRA's Cyber-Enabled Fraud, Cyber Security Group, and the Crypto Asset Investigation teams as well as the Illicit Finance & Fraud group composed of the Anti-Money Laundering Teams (AML), the Anti-Fraud Investigative Team (AFI); the High Risk Representative Group (HRR); and the Vulnerable Adults and Seniors Investigation Team (VAST) as well as being responsible for U.S Law Enforcement Engagement.

Prior to joining FINRA, Bryan spent more than 21 years with the FBI as a Special Agent and most recently was the Section Chief for the FBI's Cyber Criminal Operations, responsible for all of the FBI's investigations and operations against cyber criminal actors and threats. He served as the U.S. lead for the 37-country Counter-Ransomware Initiative, Disruption efforts, Previous FBI leadership assignments included leading the Cyber/White Collar branch of the Cleveland office, the FBI's national money laundering/bank fraud program, and serving as the FBI Detailee to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission where he assisted both agencies in insider trading, market manipulation, and investment fraud matters. His experience crosses over financial crimes, cyber, and virtual currency and in 2013 he initiated the FBI's first unit focused on cryptocurrency. A proponent of public private partnerships he initiated several private sector outreach efforts to better leverage the complementary knowledge of both. Prior to the FBI, he worked as a systems and business consultant for Accenture and Deloitte.