

Grant Rabenn Biography

Grant Rabenn is the Director of Financial Crimes Legal at Coinbase, where he leads the company's legal team responsible for advising on anti-money laundering, sanctions, and regulatory compliance and advocacy. He is a national expert on the intersection of technology, crime, and money laundering. He joined Coinbase in March 2021. Prior to Coinbase, he served for a decade as a federal prosecutor in the Eastern District of California, where he held leadership positions in money laundering and cybercrime task forces, including one of the DOJ's most successful darkweb and cryptocurrency money laundering task force (NCIDE – the Northern California Illicit Digital Economy Task Force), and the FBI's Northern California Cybercrime Task Force. Grant also served as his District's Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) Coordinator, where he regularly wrote articles and taught law enforcement about money laundering investigations, and the Cyber Fraud Coordinator, where he managed his District's anti-fraud enforcement program.

In addition to this work, Grant also prosecuted a full scope of criminal cases, including public corruption, financial fraud, narcotics trafficking, and child exploitation. As part of his work in government, Grant was the lead attorney on the global investigation and prosecution of AlphaBay, the world's largest darkweb marketplace, which was described as the most successful cybercrime operation in the history of the Internet, and for which he received numerous commendations, including the FBI Director's Award, the Attorney General's Award, and the Office of Director of National Intelligence's Meritorious Service Award. His work as a prosecutor is profiled in the book 'Tracers in the Dark', which chronicles the federal government's early response to cryptocurrency-related crime.

Grant is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center (cum laude) and the University of California, Los Angeles (magna cum laude). His published work on financial crime and money laundering includes: "*Investigating and Prosecuting Funnel Account Cases*" (Money Laundering Monitor, Vol. 18, No. 1); "*Building an Effective SAR Review Team*" (Money Laundering Monitor, Vol. 17, No. 2); and "*AML for a Blockchain Age*" (Journal of Financial Compliance, Vol. 7, No. 2).