

# Matthew B. Hanson

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Matt Hanson represents companies and individuals in government investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Department of Justice, Congress, and other federal and state regulators. He spends much of his time on investigations involving financial services and FinTech issues, along with related matters. In addition to ongoing investigations, Matt also counsels clients on related disclosure and regulatory issues and helps conduct internal investigations to assess potential liability before the government becomes involved.

Matt is a senior associate in King & Spalding's Special Matters and Investigations practice and a member of the firm's global FinTech practice.

Matt has particular experience in matters involving federal securities laws, related government ethics rules, and the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act ("FIRREA"). Matt's clients have included public companies, broker-dealers, investment advisers, financial institutions, and firms operating in the digital asset / cryptocurrency space, as well as corporate officers and other individuals.

Before becoming a lawyer, Matt worked as a news reporter covering municipal bonds and other financial markets.

## Matters

Turnkey asset management platform in SEC investigation of allegations by former employees.

Multiple blockchain-related start-up companies in connection with SEC document and information requests.

Publicly traded company in SEC investigation of possible accounting fraud.

Equifax, Inc. in various government investigations arising out of the 2017 cybersecurity incident.

Multinational financial institution in a Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force investigation relating to residential mortgage-backed securities disclosures.

Individual before the SEC and DOJ in connection with a revolving-door ethics rules inquiry.

Conducted an internal investigation for a foreign, state-owned energy company regarding compliance with foreign anti-bribery laws.

Individual in the SEC's investigation of a private equity fund.

Non-party witness in the SEC's litigation against former executives of both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Individual before the SEC regarding a post-merger insider trading inquiry.

## Credentials

### EDUCATION

J.D., University of Virginia

B.A. Journalism, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, honors

### ADMISSIONS

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

District of Columbia

Virginia

### ASSOCIATIONS

American Bar Association

## Insights

### ARTICLE

*July 8, 2019 • Source: Journal of Investment Compliance*

Virtual currency in sanctioned jurisdictions: stepping outside of SWIFT

### CLIENT ALERT

*September 16, 2019*

The Lasting Impact of Kokesh: Footnote 3 and Beyond

*July 19, 2019*

Why It's Taking So Long: the SEC and FINRA Issue Guidance on Crypto Broker-Dealer Complexities

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## Events

### CONFERENCE

*June 20, 2019*

5th Annual West Coast Pharmaceutical & Medical Device University

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

*April 24, 2019*

Brian Michael, Matt Hanson to Speak on Strafford Webinar About Regulatory Landscape for Cryptocurrency

*January 22, 2018*

Matt Hanson to Speak on ABA Teleconference on What Business Lawyers Should Know About

Criminal Law

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