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### **Main Bio**

Alope Chakravarty is the co-chair of Snell & Wilmer's Investigations, Government Enforcement and White Collar Protection practice group and focuses on cybersecurity, data protection and privacy. He represents corporations, corporate management and individuals with a broad range of counseling, investigation and litigation services in the event of crises such as government investigations, cyber incidents, enforcement actions and regulatory scrutiny. Al assists clients in preparing for and responding to crises and solving complicated legal issues.

Before joining Snell & Wilmer, Al spent 20 years as a state, federal and international investigator, prosecutor and trial lawyer. As a federal prosecutor, he responded to, investigated and prosecuted the Boston Marathon bombing case, among others.

Al has made numerous appearances in national media and speaks frequently on the Boston Marathon bombing case, crisis response, the limits of free speech, privacy and security. He understands international, state regulatory and law enforcement priorities, having held positions as an international prosecutor for a United Nations tribunal, an attorney for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and an Assistant Attorney General in Massachusetts.

Al has prosecuted several high-profile matters, including a nationally followed financial crime prosecution and a seminal prosecution of internet propagandists, and he also participated in the response and investigation of the Times Square attempted bombing. Through his government career, scholarly and teaching experience, and in private practice, Alope has also developed a niche in privacy law, in addition to his investigations and enforcement practice.

### **Representative Experience**

- Counseled companies in multiple industries on cybersecurity risk management, information security, cyber incident response planning
- Counseled companies in multiple industries on international data transfer issues
- Counseled companies in multiple industries in data protection and tailored compliance policies and procedures for General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) and state data privacy statutes
- Represented companies in multiple industries in data breach and cyber incident investigations
- Represented medical services companies in data security incidents involving Protected Health Information

- Conducted internal investigation for company regarding False Claim Act allegations
- Conducted internal investigation for medical diagnostics company regarding Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) allegations
- Conducted internal investigation for charter school management company regarding misappropriation of public fund allegations
- Representing charter school founders during audit of charter school management organization regarding public integrity and accountability allegations
- Represented medical services company in False Claims Act investigation by U.S. Attorney's Office Southern District of New York
- Representing university in investigation by U.S. Attorney's Office District of Massachusetts
- Representing biotechnology company in internal investigation of insider espionage threat
- Representing cannabis company in internal investigation involving potential financial fraud
- Representing company in securities and mail fraud investigation of cryptocurrency by U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of California
- Representing company in nearly \$1B Ponzi scheme investigation by U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of California
- Represented personnel benefits company in telephone based social engineering fraud investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Representing medical device manufacturer in Business Email Compromise involving dozens of domestic and international jurisdictions
- Representing medical services company in anti-competitive behavior investigation by Nevada Attorney General
- Representing company to respond to subpoena in fraud investigation conducted by United States Attorney's Office for District of Arizona
- Representing financial services provider in response to subpoena in tax investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division
- Represented individual suspected of unauthorized access of computer device by Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Representing former professional tennis player in international law enforcement investigation into match-fixing
- Defended federal agent accused of wrongdoing, resulting in dismissal of proceedings

## **Education**

- Emory University School of Law (J.D., 1997)
- Johns Hopkins University (B.A., Biology and Political Science, with honors, 1994)

## **Professional Memberships & Activities**

- Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System, Law Firm Council
- South Asian Bar Association - Greater Boston, Advisory Board and Colorado Chapter
- American Bar Association
- Emory University School of Law, Board of Advisors

- International Association of Privacy Professionals
- American Law Institute
  - Restatement of the Law Third, Torts: Defamation and Privacy, Adviser

## Representative Presentations & Publications

- "Can I Trust You? Managing the Legal Risks of Sharing Data," Presenter, CMAA National Conference (September 24, 2019)
- "Motive Matters in the Modern Trial: Lessons from the Boston Marathon Bombing Case," Presenter, Lex Mundi Cross Border Investigations: Business Crimes and Compliance Group Global Meeting, Dublin, Ireland (September 12, 2019)
- "Trials in the U.S. and Europe," Co-Presenter, Lex Mundi Cross Border Investigations: Business Crimes and Compliance Group Global Meeting, Dublin, Ireland (September 12, 2019)
- "[Insight Into the DOJ's Updated Guidance on Evaluation of Corporate Compliance Programs](#)," Co-Author, Corporate Counsel (July 24, 2019)
- "[What's Next in Customs and Border Breach Investigation?](#)" Co-Author, Bloomberg Law (July 12, 2019)
- "[British Airways' GDPR Fine Puts Price Tag on 'Poor' Defenses](#)," Quoted, Law360 (July 8, 2019)
- "[Privacy & Cybersecurity Policy to Watch in 2nd Half of 2019](#)," Quoted, Law360 (July 3, 2019)
- "[Quest, Customs Breaches Show Risks of Farming Out Data](#)," Quoted, Law360 (June 21, 2019)
- "Monitoring Medical Device Security," Quoted, Law Week Colorado (May 27, 2019)
- "[Parents Who Cop to College Admissions Scam May Stay Out Of Jail](#)," Quoted, Bloomberg (March 19, 2019)
- "[The Cyber/Physical Convergence is Accelerating -- So are the Risks](#)," Quoted, Forbes (February 27, 2019)
- "[Will government shutdown impact security at Super Bowl LIII?](#)" Quoted, USA Today (January 21, 2019)
- "[Litigation Holds and the GDPR](#)," Co-Author, Today's General Counsel (September 27, 2018)
- "[Midyear Report: Top Privacy Developments Of 2018, Part 1](#)," Quoted, Law360 (July 23, 2018)
- "[For Mueller, pushing to finish parts of Russia probe, question of American involvement remains](#)," Quoted, The Washington Post (July 14, 2018)
- "[Supreme Court: Your Digital Location is Protected by the Constitution](#)," Quoted, Computerworld (June 22, 2018)
- "Appeals Court Checks FTC Authority in Cybersecurity Actions," Quoted, Law Week Colorado (June 18, 2018)
- "[Facebook Data Pacts Could Spur GDPR-Like Protections](#)," Quoted, Law360 (June 12, 2018)
- "[Breaking Down the DOJ's Enforcement and Corporate Leniency Policies](#)," Co-Author, Denver Business Journal (June 11, 2018)
- "[Snell & Wilmer Rolls Out Interactive Data Breach Map](#)," Co-Author, S&W Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Law Blog (June 6, 2018)
- "[What to Know About Complying with GDPR](#)," Quoted, Law360 (May 31, 2018)
- "[The EU General Data Protection Regulation](#)," Co-Author, Snell & Wilmer Legal Alert (May 22, 2018)

- "[Boston Bomber Prosecutor Finds a Big Law Refuge in the Rockies](#)," Profiled, The American Lawyer (May 7, 2018)
- "[Prosecutor of Boston Marathon Bomber Joins Snell & Wilmer](#)," Profiled, Law360 (May 2, 2018)
- "[Boston Marathon Bombing Prosecutor Joins Snell & Wilmer](#)," Profiled, Law Week Colorado (May 1, 2018)
- "[Why the Boston Marathon Bombing Prosecutor is Joining this Denver Law Office](#)," Profiled, Denver Business Journal (May 1, 2018)
- "A Call for Ethics and Civility in Governance and Litigation: Changing Culture and Increasing Accountability," Author, 4 Emory Law Corporate Governance and Accountability Journal 37 (2017)
- "Evolution of The Trial Advocate: Quintilian to Quanta in the Contemporary Courtroom," Donahue Lecture, Suffolk Law Review, 50 Suffolk U. L. Rev. 45 (2017)
- "[To Catch A Bomber](#)," Profiled, Emory Magazine (Spring 2016)
- "[Q&A with Boston Marathon bombing prosecutor Alope Chakravarty 97L](#)," Profiled, Emory Law News Center (May 31, 2016)
- "Time for a Global Legal Scheme for Terrorism Risk Insurance," Author, Boston University School of Law International Law Journal, Current Topics (2015)
- "[Boston Bomb Prosecutor Guides Terror Case, Seeks Dialogue](#)," Profiled, Bloomberg News (April 29, 2013)
- "[Seeking cooperation, but also after convictions](#)," Profiled, Washington Post (August 20, 2011)
- "Feeding Humanity, Starving Terror," Author, 32 W. New Eng. L. Rev. 295 (2010)
- "Problem Solving in International Law," Lecturer in Law, Boston University School of Law (2013-2014)
- Guest Lecturer, Harvard Law School, various courses and presentations on cybercrime, government lawyering, anti-terrorism prosecution and national security law (2007-2009, 2014, 2016, 2017)

## Professional Recognition & Awards

- Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service, U.S. Department of Justice (2016)
- Director's Award, Federal Bureau of Investigations (2016)
- Director's Award, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (2013)
- Exceptional Service Award, National Association of Former U.S. Attorneys (2013)
- Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service, U.S. Department of Justice (2010)
- Access to Justice Award, Massachusetts Bar Association (2009)
- South Asian Bar Association - GB Member of the Year (2008)
- Commendation, Drug Enforcement Administration (2005)
- Certificate for Special Achievement, Director of Federal Bureau of Investigations (2005)
- Special Achievement Commendation, U.S. Department of Justice (2004)

## Community Involvement

- Leadership Denver, Denver Metro Chamber Leadership Foundation (Class of 2019-2020)
- Invitational Speaker on Public Service, National Security, Crisis Response, Civil Rights and Trial Advocacy

## **Other Professional Experience**

- U.S. Department of Justice, District of Massachusetts, Office of the United States Attorney, Assistant United States Attorney, Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council (ATAC) Coordinator, Civil Rights Enforcement Team, Crisis Management Coordinator, International Affairs Coordinator (2005-2018)
- United Nations, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY), Office of the Prosecutor, Trial Attorney (2010)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, Founding Member of Attorney General's FISA Task Force (2004-2005)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Assistant General Counsel (2003-2005)
- Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General: Criminal Bureau (2000-2003)
- Office of the Middlesex District Attorney, Assistant District Attorney (1998-2000)

## **Bar Admissions**

- Colorado
- District of Columbia
- Massachusetts

## **Court Admissions**

- Supreme Court of Colorado
- Supreme Court of Massachusetts
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court of Appeals, First Circuit
- United States District Court, District of Colorado
- United States District Court, District of Massachusetts