

## Ex-Snell & Wilmer Group Head, DOJ Atty, Joins Saul Ewing

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The former co-chair of [Snell & Wilmer LLP's](#) white collar defense and investigations practice group, an ex-prosecutor known in part for securing the conviction of the surviving Boston Marathon bombing perpetrator, has joined [Saul Ewing LLP](#), the firm announced Tuesday.

Aloke Chakravarty's hire brings him from Denver back to Boston, where he spent most of his [U.S. Department of Justice](#) tenure before transitioning to private practice in 2018.

"Since I was coming back to Boston, I wanted to be in a place where there is not only a lot of room to build my own network and my own work, but that [the white collar and government enforcement] practice group is doing really well and I'm going to be busy and hit the ground running when I land," he told Law360 Pulse on Tuesday. "And all of that is proving to be true."

During his time as an assistant U.S. attorney in the [U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts](#), Chakravarty secured a verdict in 2015 against the surviving perpetrator of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings. Chakravarty also prosecuted suspects of financial crimes and internet propagandists, according to Saul Ewing.



Chakravarty's other past public service roles include assistant attorney general and assistant district attorney in Massachusetts, assistant general counsel for the [FBI](#), attorney adviser at the DOJ and war crimes prosecutor at the [United Nations International Criminal Tribunal](#) for the former Yugoslavia.

"We are thrilled to welcome Al back to Boston from his recent work developing a private practice in the Western United States in all the areas of the law where he will now work with Saul Ewing," Boston office managing partner Joseph Lipchitz said in a statement. "Through his past work for the Department of Justice in Boston and the Massachusetts attorney general, Al is well known not only in Boston legal circles but in the wider community for the many high-profile cases he handled."

Chakravarty's hire comes after many law firms have spent the past several months focusing on becoming better equipped to guide clients through heightened enforcement environments — particularly within federal bodies, many of which are now slated to see a change in leadership under the incoming Trump administration.

"For sure, the regulatory agencies, which have been much scrutinized for increased enforcement, are likely to have new leadership, and so it's likely that the enforcement priorities are going to change," Chakravarty said. "But I don't think that this is a time for businesses and white collar practitioners to retire or to try and find another job; in fact, just the opposite. I think anytime you have this kind of uncertainty and change, then you need to get smart quickly and adapt to the changing priorities."

To think there will be less enforcement under an administration that has advocated for loosening regulations is something Chakravarty says he believes would be a mistake.

"I just think that that means that the enforcement priorities are going to be different," he said. "And cases that are worth prosecuting, whether it be through DOJ or the [\[Federal Trade Commission\]](#) or the [\[U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission\]](#), will still be scrutinized, and the career folks there and the new

leadership that might come into some of those agencies, I'm sure, will send the message that law and order still rule the land. And as long as that's the case, white collar teams are going to be busy."

Chakravarty's work often involves industries such as financial technology, higher education, sports, entertainment, life sciences and healthcare, according to Saul Ewing. He is a certified information privacy professional in the United States and an alum of the Emory University School of Law.

"Saul Ewing has a strong reputation for bringing together not only great lawyers but great people. AI certainly is both," white collar and government enforcement practice Chair Justin Danilewitz said in a statement. "AI is thoughtful, deliberative and collaborative — traits that mesh perfectly with the firm's commitment to bringing together smart, nimble lawyers who are committed to working together across practice areas to provide clients with creative solutions to their most significant legal challenges."