

TRAILBLAZERS

CYBERSECURITY & DATA PRIVACY

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PIONEER SPIRIT Serrin Turner began his career prosecuting cases in the U.S. attorney's office in the Southern District of New York. "I quickly gravitated toward cybersecurity work. Every cybersecurity case required being creative and coming up with an original strategy." Eventually, he became the cybercrime coordinator and lead prosecutor. "I got to do some really fun cases."

TRAILS BLAZED While in the U.S. attorney's office, Turner focused on the equivalent of impact litigation. "There's so much criminal activity online, you have to take out hubs of cybercrime or force multipliers for cybercriminals." One such case involved Liberty Reserve. "It was a cryptocurrency company that was widely used for money laundering. We worked extensively with foreign law enforcement to shut it down." He also successfully prosecuted Silk Road, a black market website. "It was the first of its kind on the darknet. We proved it was not invulnerable to law enforcement." Since joining Latham in 2016, Turner has worked on a variety of cybersecurity matters, such as data breaches, phishing scams, business email compromises and ransomware incidents.

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS The growth of cybercrime will continue. "The cybercriminal economy has matured. Criminals are collaborating internationally like they never have before. There is a sort of Bizarro-world Silicon Valley making parallel advancements and achievements on the black-market side."

