

## Ex-FBI Special Counsel Moves To Crowell & Moring's DC Team

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*Law360 (March 4, 2026, 4:08 PM EST)* -- A former special counsel to the FBI director has joined Crowell & Moring LLP's privacy and cybersecurity group, where he'll counsel clients on cybersecurity threats and help them navigate the changing legal and regulatory environment related to those dangers.

Rajeev Raghavan has joined Crowell & Moring as a partner, having most recently advised on high-profile cyber initiatives, artificial intelligence strategy, and internal security modernization at the FBI, the firm said in a Wednesday announcement. He helped the agency combat cybercrime and national security threats, and advised senior leadership on related policy, as well as on federal surveillance authorities, national security investigations and more.



Rajeev Raghavan

In an interview with Law360 Pulse on Wednesday, Raghavan said it was important for him to find a firm that has a bench of government contracts attorneys and cybersecurity experts.

"With not just cybersecurity but AI being as transformational as it is, it's incredibly important to find the right folks, find the right team, and I'm really happy to do that and to be at Crowell," Raghavan said.

Raghavan will advise clients on issues at the intersection of law, technology and government policy, helping them navigate national security matters, data breach investigations, regulatory inquiries and other issues. He'll help clients develop risk management strategies, design custom incident response plans and cybersecurity protocols, the firm said.

Critical infrastructure has been the main focus for threat actors looking to disrupt systems, Raghavan said, noting the "bad guys want to hit where it hurts."

"It's transportation, it's healthcare, it's defense, it's kind of all over the space," Raghavan said. "Threat actors are just proliferating. The one thing we're seeing is that, especially as we've got a [different] geopolitical situation now, the bad actors are looking to not just hit in the government space, they're looking to hit in every space."

A University of Michigan Law School graduate, Raghavan started his legal career as a Linklaters LLP associate. He clerked in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, then spent two years as a Covington & Burling LLP associate before becoming an assistant U.S. attorney in the District of Maryland.

Raghavan was part of the Maryland U.S. attorney's office team that charged eight people with conspiring to steal \$3.3 million from the Defense Health Agency. The firm said Raghavan led complex, often transnational cybercrime matters involving dark web markets, account takeovers and ransomware.

Crowell & Moring said Raghavan helped dismantle an online marketplace for stolen credentials, WT1SHOP, which involved taking down overseas servers and seizing domains in the U.S.

From the U.S. attorney's office in Maryland, Raghavan moved to the FBI in 2022, according to his LinkedIn page. In private practice at Linklaters and Covington & Burling, Raghavan advised clients on U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission investigations.

Before earning his law degree, Raghavan worked at his alma mater, the University of Michigan, as a web developer and designer for its College of Literature, Science and Arts, his LinkedIn says.

Jeffrey L. Poston, co-chair of Crowell & Moring's privacy and cybersecurity group, said in a statement that Raghavan's ability "to bridge legal and technical domains is a tremendous asset for clients," especially those facing the complexities of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence.

"His background — including senior positions at the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office, private practice, and experience as a computer programmer — equips him with unique insight into both the opportunities and challenges businesses encounter," Poston said. "As oversight of new technologies increases and threats proliferate, Rajeev will offer valuable guidance to companies navigating this rapidly changing environment."

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