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Alamdar Hamdani is a highly regarded trial lawyer who joined Bracewell following a 17-year career with the United States Department of Justice in which he held various leadership roles. He draws on his leadership and experience as a federal prosecutor in large, complex national security and white-collar cases to advise companies and corporate executives on government investigations and compliance matters related to cybersecurity, national security, regulatory enforcement and procurement fraud.

Alamdar served as the 24th presidentially appointed, Senate confirmed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas from December 2022 until January 2025. He led one of the largest US Attorney's Offices in the Department of Justice with 400 employees, including 200 federal prosecutors across six offices. Under his leadership, the office handled more than 10,000 criminal cases and maintained an average conviction rate of 95 percent in cases involving official corruption and national security matters. At the same time, the Civil Division filed over 2,500 cases, including a historic \$85 million settlement against a cardiac imaging company.

Alamdar was chosen by the Attorney General to serve as one of 14 United States Attorneys on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC). He also chaired the AGAC's Border and Immigration Subcommittee, primarily working to secure the borders from cartels and transnational criminal organizations. Alamdar also tapped into his deep experience in sanctions and counterterrorism matters as a member of the AGAC's National Security and White-Collar Crime Subcommittees.

From December 2014 to December 2022, Alamdar was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Texas. He served as an adjunct professor at the University of Houston from July 2016 until July 2022. Alamdar

Practices

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previously served as the Deputy Chief of the Counterterrorism Section with the Department of Justice, National Security Division, in Washington, DC, from September 2012 to December 2014, and was a trial attorney in that Division from January 2010 until September 2012. From March 2005 to March 2008, he was an Assistant United States Attorney with the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

Credentials

Education

- University of Houston Law Center, J.D., 1999
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.B.A., Finance, 1993

Bar Admissions

- Texas

Affiliations

- North American South Asian Bar Association, Founding Member; President, 2007 – 2008
- State Bar of Texas, International Law Section, Council Member, 2007 – 2008
- The Houston READ Commission, Board of Directors, 2003 – 2009
- ACLU of Texas, Board of Directors, 2005 – 2007
- American Bar Association, Public Education Division, Standing Committee Member, 2008 – Present; Advisory Commission Member, 2005 – 2008
- South Asian American Bar Association – Houston, President, 2002; President-Elect, 2001; Secretary, 2000

Department of Justice

- Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service
- Assistant Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service

University of Houston Law Center

- *University of Houston Law Review*, Notes and Comments Editor
- Blakely Moot Court Finalist, 1999
- Blakely Moot Court Champion 1998

Resources

Trump Administration Efforts to Eliminate Cartels Pose Heightened Risk for Financial Institutions

Update

Publications & Speeches

- Titans of the South Asian Bar Dinner and CLE, South Asian Bar Association of Houston, April 3, 2025.
- "The Obligations, History, Traditions, Powers, and Limitation of the Federal Prosecutor," University of Houston, March 25, 2025.
- "Empowered Voices Supporting Survivors of Gender-Based Violence," South Asian Bar Association of Houston, March 21, 2025.
- "For ALL Women and Girls: Rights Equality, Empowerment," Houston's International Women's Day 2025, March 7, 2025.