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Herb is a nationally recognized cybersecurity executive and former senior leader with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who brings over 20 years of federal law enforcement and cyber operations experience to his legal practice. His practice focuses on cybersecurity strategy, data privacy compliance, white collar defense, and government investigations. As a seasoned investigator and executive, Herb offers clients unparalleled insight into the rapidly changing landscape of cybersecurity, data privacy, and complex government investigations. His intimate understanding of emerging threats and the regulatory environment makes him a trusted advisor to corporations and clients navigating today's complex risk environment.

Most recently, Herb served as Special Agent in Charge of the FBI's Indianapolis Field Office, where he led high-impact investigations that spanned cybercrime, national security, and public corruption. He has previously held several senior leadership roles at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., that involved the oversight of national programs targeting cyber threats and the management of multidisciplinary teams engaged in some of the country's most sensitive and high-profile investigations.

Herb has helped victims navigate some of the most significant cyber breaches in U.S. history. His deep understanding of threat actors—ranging from hostile nation-states to sophisticated criminal enterprises—and operational experience provides his clients with strategic guidance and clarity of the highest level. His experience includes high-level cybersecurity strategy, data privacy compliance, and critical incident response.

Herb began his legal career at Huddleston Bolen LLP, one of Huntington, West Virginia's oldest law firms, which merged with Dinsmore in 2015.

Herb is a father of four, an avid golfer, and a music lover who plays multiple instruments in church ensembles or jam sessions with friends.

Services

- Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity & Data Privacy
- Data Breach and Incident Response
- Enterprise Risk Management
- Government Investigations

- White Collar Defense

Education

- Carnegie Mellon University (2020)
 - Certificate, Chief Information Security Officer
- University of Kentucky College of Law (J.D., 2000)
- Centre College (B.A., 1997)
 - English and Religion

Bar Admissions

- West Virginia

Distinctions

- GIAC Information Security Professional (GISP)