



Department of the Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Network



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Brian L. Ferrell was appointed by the Treasury General Counsel to be the Chief Counsel of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) on August 22, 2005. FinCEN administers the Bank Secrecy Act, which authorizes the collection, analysis and dissemination of financial information important to the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing. Mr. Ferrell supervises the attorneys and support staff that provide legal advice to FinCEN officials across the full range of their responsibilities, including issues relating to the administration of the BSA, domestic and international aspects of information law, inter-agency information-sharing, the use of information in enforcement operations and proceedings, international law relating to counter-money laundering efforts, and administrative law.

Prior to becoming Chief Counsel at the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, Mr. Ferrell served as Chief Counsel of the Bureau of the Public Debt, managing attorneys in offices in both Washington, D.C., and Parkersburg, West Virginia. He was responsible for providing legal advice to the Commissioner of Public Debt and other Bureau officials in areas such as contract and commercial law, securities law and regulation, electronic payments, trusts and estates, privacy/disclosure, ethics, and administrative law. In addition, his office played a central role in any regulatory activity, legislative proposal, or litigation in Public Debt's area of responsibility.

Prior to his position as Chief Counsel at the Bureau of the Public Debt, Mr. Ferrell served as the U.S. Treasury's Senior Counsel for Litigation appointed by the General Counsel to directly oversee and manage Treasury's significant litigation. Mr. Ferrell was responsible for numerous special projects and assignments, including the design, implementation and enforcement of Treasury's trust document retention and litigation oversight programs.

Before joining Treasury in July 2001, Mr. Ferrell spent nearly eight years as a Trial Attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice where, among other awards, he received the Department of

Justice's highest award (*John Marshall Award for Participation in Litigation*). In addition to a short two-year hiatus to return to his alma mater as an Assistant Dean, prior to entering government service Ferrell spent several years in a boutique litigation practice in upstate New York.

Mr. Ferrell has a Bachelor's degree from Creighton University, a J.D. from Creighton University School of Law, and a Masters in Environmental Law and Policy from Vermont Law School. He is a member of the Nebraska and New York bars. He is married and has three children.