



The Antonin Scalia Law School Distinguished Alumni Award

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Matthew Reed, JD '97, earned his law degree through the evening program at George Mason's School of Law while working full time during the day—first as a victim advocate and later for the Alexandria prosecutor's office.

Following law school, Reed worked in all three branches of federal government. He began with a judicial clerkship and then practiced at the U.S. Department of Justice in federal trial and appellate courts. He later served on Capitol Hill with Senator Chuck Grassley on the Senate Judiciary Committee, where he contributed to legislative oversight and policy development including on bankruptcy and class action reform.

Reed's executive branch experience includes positions at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and the Securities and Exchange Commission. In these roles, he worked on complex matters involving enforcement, regulation, and management, frequently focused at the intersection of law and public policy. While at Treasury he became the first chairman of the Global Legal Entity Identifier Regulatory Oversight Committee, where he oversaw the creation of an international identification standard that is in use today.

After several years in government, Reed briefly transitioned to the private sector, working for a global bank. He ultimately returned to public service at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, where he now serves as general counsel, bringing financial services experience and leadership to the nation's deposit insurer at a transformative time in banking. He also teaches a financial technology course at Scalia Law School.