



Peter S. Alvarado
Deputy Director

Peter S. Alvarado was appointed Deputy Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) in February 2012. As Deputy Director, Mr. Alvarado is responsible for working with the law enforcement, intelligence, financial, and regulatory communities to ensure the effective coordination of anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing initiatives. He provides operational leadership and performs the full range of supervisory and managerial functions for FinCEN including planning, coordinating, allocating and assessing tools, capabilities, and resources to best enable FinCEN to continue to efficiently execute its mission.

Mr. Alvarado joined FinCEN after 27 years of service at the Internal Revenue Service including the last 21 years with the Criminal Investigation Division (IRS-CI). He began his career as a Revenue Agent in Los Angeles, California auditing individual, partnership, and corporate tax returns. In 1990, Mr. Alvarado joined the IRS-CI as a Special Agent investigating criminal violations of the internal revenue code (tax fraud), money laundering and currency violations of the Bank Secrecy Act (BSA). In these investigations he worked with a wide range of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. In 1998, Mr. Alvarado was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent and managed a group of agents involved in a variety of investigations relating to corporate fraud, tax shelters, investment schemes, insurance fraud, bankruptcy fraud, embezzlement, and narcotics.

In late 2001, Mr. Alvarado was appointed to the position of Senior Analyst at IRS-CI's headquarters in Washington, DC. Assigned to the Financial Crimes Section, he had oversight of various programs including those relating to offshore tax evasion schemes. He was subsequently promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the New York Field Office where, among other responsibilities, he oversaw the investigations of large sophisticated tax shelters involving billions in lost tax revenues. He also directed the activities of a group dedicated to asset forfeiture investigations. Mr. Alvarado was subsequently appointed Special Agent In Charge of the Philadelphia Field Office responsible for the planning, directing, and evaluating of the investigative activities of agents and support staff in the Middle and Eastern Judicial Districts of Pennsylvania. Major areas of focus at this office were public corruption, corporate fraud, and investigations relating to counterterrorist financing.

Mr. Alvarado returned to IRS-CI Headquarters and was appointed Deputy Director of Strategy in July 2008 where he led numerous critical sections including Human Resources, Finance, National Criminal Investigation Training Academy, Planning & Strategy, Review & Program Evaluation, and Research. As a member of the Senior Staff he was involved in all major policy decisions regarding IRS-CI. In June 2010, Mr. Alvarado was appointed Special Agent in Charge of IRS-CI's newly formed Office of International Operations. He was responsible for the operational and policy management of the workforce located overseas primarily focusing on international tax compliance. Mr. Alvarado is a graduate of California State University Los Angeles and Whittier Law School. He is a member of the bars of California and Washington, D.C.