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Austin P. Berglas is Senior Managing Director and head of the U.S. Cyber Investigations and Incident Response practice at K2 Intelligence. He brings deep investigative experience in counter intelligence, national security, criminal cyber investigations and incident response to K2 Intelligence.

Before joining K2 Intelligence, Austin served as Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) Cyber Branch in the New York Office (NYO), where he oversaw all national security and criminal cyber investigations in the largest cyber branch in the FBI. Among the high-profile, joint and international operations he managed were the dismantlement of the Blackshades organization and seizures of numerous TOR-based sites, including Silk Road and Silk Road 2.0. Most recently, he led the criminal investigation into the computer network attack against JPMorgan Chase and established the Financial Cyber Crimes Task Force, the FBI's first joint effort with the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to combat cyber threats and high-technology crimes affecting New York City and the nation. Prior to being named ASAC of the NYO's Cyber Branch, he was designated as an Assistant Inspector, Inspection Division, FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

In May 2013, Austin was named Acting Special Agent in Charge (A/SAC) of the NYO's Special Operations/Cyber Division, where he led over 400 employees in the largest technical and physical surveillance operation in the FBI, overseeing all investigations in the New York Cyber branch, an office he helped to create in 2009. As A/SAC, he was also responsible for the Special Events and Crisis Management Programs consisting of SWAT, Evidence Response, Underwater Search and Recovery, and Rapid Deployment. While at the FBI he also served as supervisor of the New York Office Computer Crimes Squad/Cyber Crimes Coordinator, where he was responsible for investigations into computer intrusions, intellectual property rights violations, and Internet fraud, extortion and gambling. In addition, he served as the

Crimes Against Children Coordinator in the FBI's NYO, responsible for the coordination and investigation of crimes including international and domestic kidnapping, sex tourism, and the sexual exploitation of children over the Internet.

He has been rewarded for his work, receiving the FBI Director's Award for Excellence in a Cyber Investigation in 2010 and the Voice for All Children Award presented by the Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect in 2006.

Prior to entering the FBI in 1999, Austin was a Captain in the United States Army, serving in various roles as a light cavalry officer and deploying to Haiti in 1995 in support of Operation Uphold Democracy.

Education

He received his B.S. from Dickinson College and has participated in Navigating Strategic Change hosted at the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.