

## About the Speaker

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### **Ari M. Baranoff**

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Originally from New York City, Ari Baranoff is an Assistant Special Agent In Charge (ASAIC) with over twenty years of federal law enforcement experience. The majority of his career has been with the U.S. Secret Service focusing equally on both the protective and investigative missions of the agency.

Ari Baranoff is currently assigned to U.S. Secret Service Headquarters in Washington, D.C. as the agent in charge of the Cyber Investigations Branch. As the executive for the cyber investigative portfolio, he oversees Secret Service cyber intelligence as well as the investigation and capture of the agency's most wanted cyber criminals. Prior to his assuming command of cyber investigations, ASAIC Baranoff led the New York Electronic Crimes Task Force (ECTF). This multi agency task force brings together the law enforcement, private, and academic sectors to combat cyber crime. The New York ECTF is the flagship task force of the U.S. Secret Service.

ASAIC Baranoff began his Secret Service career working criminal cases in the Boston Field Office focusing on financial and organized crimes. ASAIC Baranoff was later assigned to the William Clinton Protective Division (WCD). During his tenure on WCD, ASAIC Baranoff traveled the world with President Clinton, conducting overseas security advances, close up protection, as well as logistics management. Upon returning to the New York Field Office, ASAIC Baranoff was assigned to the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) investigating terrorist financing.

Prior to his Secret Service career, he was a Special Agent for the U.S. Department of Defense Inspector General's Office dealing with internal affairs investigations and procurement fraud. Ari Baranoff also worked under District Attorney Richard Brown in Queens County, NY.

Ari Baranoff graduated with honors from Hofstra University in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's oldest academic honor society.