

FBI New York Field Office

Charles F. “Charlie” McGonigal Special Agent in Charge, Counterintelligence Division



Charles F. McGonigal began his career with the FBI in 1996. He first served the New York Office (NYO), investigating Russian counterintelligence matters and organized crime cases. During his tenure in New York, he was detailed to the TWA Flight 800 investigation; was assigned to the Task Force investigating Department of Energy (DOE) Scientist Wen Ho Lee for espionage related activities; was deployed as a member of the NYO Rapid Deployment Team to Dar Es Salaam during the 1998 U.S. Embassy Bombings in Tanzania and Kenya; and was one of the original Case Agents on the New York Russian Illegal's' counterintelligence investigation taken down in 2010, captioned Ghost Stories. Mr. McGonigal closed out his tenure in the NYO in 2002 while working with his NYO colleagues through the tragic events of 9/11.

In 2002, Mr. McGonigal was assigned to the Cleveland Division, Canton Resident Agency, where he worked white-collar crime and violent crime related investigations including the Terence Jones investigation; leading to the conviction of 52 subjects for various drug and fraud related offenses and the kidnapping-murder investigation of Kristin Jackson which resulted in the conviction and subsequent life sentence for the assailant.

After becoming a supervisor in the Counterintelligence Division in 2003, Mr. McGonigal coordinated several major espionage cases impacting the United States Intelligence Community (USIC), including the conviction of former National Security Adviser Samuel “Sandy” Berger for the removal and destruction of highly classified Presidential privileged material from the National Archives (NARA).

In 2005, Mr. McGonigal served as the Unit Chief of a Global Counterintelligence Unit at FBIHQ, responsible for the management of national counterintelligence investigations and operations involving threats from South-Asia and the Pacific Rim.

In 2006, Mr. McGonigal reported to the WFO as Supervisor of one of its espionage squads. In this role, he oversaw numerous high-profile espionage, media leak and economic espionage investigations and the indictment and arrest of multiple defendants for espionage and related offenses including Stephen J. Kim and Robert Cabelly. Mr. McGonigal spearheaded sanctions investigations and obtained DPAs against global financial institutions ING and HSBC in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) resulting in over \$1.0 billion in penalties.

In 2010, Mr. McGonigal stood up and led the FBI's WikiLeaks Task Force with members from various agencies in the USIC looking into the release of over 200,000 classified documents to the WikiLeaks website. This resulted in the identification, prosecution and subsequent conviction of
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In 2014, Mr. McGonigal was promoted to assistant special agent in charge of the Baltimore Field Office's Cyber, Counterintelligence, Counterproliferation and Espionage programs. McGonigal oversaw numerous high-profile joint cyber-criminal and national security arrests throughout Maryland and Delaware while serving in this capacity.

In 2016, Mr. McGonigal was promoted to Section Chief of the Cyber-Counterintelligence Coordination Section of the Counterintelligence Division at FBIHQ leading the integration of Cyber and Counterintelligence Programs a position he currently holds.

In September 2016, Mr. McGonigal was promoted to Special Agent in Charge, Counterintelligence for the New York Office. Before joining the FBI, Mr. McGonigal worked in the banking industry and in public accounting. Mr. McGonigal holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master's degree from Johns Hopkins University.