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Andrea Griswold, who joined Skadden from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York (SDNY), focuses her practice on advising companies, financial institutions, investment funds and their advisers, broker-dealers, boards of directors and individuals in connection with criminal and civil enforcement actions, investigations, litigation and trials.

Ms. Griswold served for 11 years in the SDNY, including most recently as the deputy U.S. attorney and chief counsel to the U.S. attorney until 2024 and as chief of the SDNY’s Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force from 2020-22.

As chief counsel and deputy U.S. attorney, Ms. Griswold was the principal adviser to the U.S. attorney and oversaw all prosecutions and litigation across the office in both the criminal and civil divisions. As deputy U.S. attorney, Ms. Griswold was also responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office, including the management of more than 400 lawyers and oversight of SDNY’s press office. In addition, she coordinated with attorneys across all sections of the Department of Justice, as well as its leadership team.

As chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force, Ms. Griswold supervised individual and corporate investigations and prosecutions concerning market manipulation, insider trading, investor fraud, accounting and valuation fraud, and money laundering. In this role, she led many investigations into potential fraud in the asset management industry, including alleged fraud within hedge funds and private equity firms as well as fraud involving SPACs, cryptocurrency and digital assets. During this time, she also worked closely with the SEC’s Division of Enforcement, including senior officers in the Asset Management, Complex Financial Instruments and Market Abuse units. Many of the investigations led by Ms. Griswold were cross-border in scope, which required frequent coordination with regulatory and law enforcement agencies around the world.

Before serving as chief of the Task Force, Ms. Griswold served for seven years as an assistant U.S. attorney in the SDNY, where she investigated — and prosecuted through trial — a wide variety of securities fraud and other federal cases involving individuals and corporations. Several of the trials Ms. Griswold has handled were multiweek or monthlong fraud trials, all of which resulted in convictions.

The U.S. attorney described Ms. Griswold as “a generational talent” and “a relentless investigator, a talented trial lawyer, and a strategic counselor and leader with excellent judgement” in a press release announcing her departure from the SDNY in 2024.

Ms. Griswold founded and co-chaired the SDNY’s Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Committee on Technology and Electronic Evidence. She is a frequent speaker on issues related to individual and corporate prosecutions, private fund investigations, cryptocurrency and women in leadership.

Prior to joining the SDNY, Ms. Griswold worked for five years as a white collar litigator at a global law firm. In addition to her government investigations practice, Ms. Griswold tried three cases to verdict during this time, including two federal criminal trials, one of which ended in a hung jury and the other with an acquittal on the top charge.

In recognition of her work, Ms. Griswold has been named one of Lawdragon’s 500 Leading Litigators in America.