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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, investment funds, financial institutions, 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. In these capacities, Ms. Griswold was the principal adviser to the U.S. attorney and oversaw all prosecutions and litigation across the office. As the deputy U.S. attorney, Ms. Griswold was also responsible for the day-to-day operations of the office, including oversight of more than 400 lawyers and other personnel, and worked closely with leadership across all sections of the Department of Justice.

Previously, from 2020-22, Ms. Griswold was chief of the SDNY’s Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force, supervising significant individual and corporate investigations and prosecutions concerning market manipulation, insider trading, investor fraud, accounting and valuation fraud, and money laundering. She also led many investigations and prosecutions involving private funds, SPACs, cryptocurrency and digital assets. Many of the investigations led by Ms. Griswold were cross-border in scope, requiring frequent coordination with regulatory and law enforcement agencies across the globe.

Before serving as chief, Ms. Griswold investigated — and prosecuted through trial — a wide variety of significant securities fraud and public corruption cases as an assistant U.S. attorney in the SDNY.

The U.S. attorney described Ms. Griswold as “a generational talent”: “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 office.

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 recognition of her work, Ms. Griswold was named to Lawdragon’s 500 Leading Litigators in America.