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White Collar Defense and Investigations; Criminal Defense and Trials;
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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, boards, financial institutions, asset managers and individuals in connection with criminal and civil government investigations, litigation, trials, and crisis and media management.

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, and previously as the chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Unit.

As the deputy U.S. attorney, Ms. Griswold:

- managed the day-to-day operations of SDNY, overseeing 400 lawyers and staff
- oversaw all investigations and litigation across the criminal and civil divisions
- led several of the office's most sensitive and high-profile prosecutions and trials
- supervised the press office, guiding media strategy and interfacing with reporters
- made final recommendations for all hiring and promotion of prosecutors
- coordinated with leadership of other sections of the Department of Justice and various law enforcement agencies, including the New York State Attorney General's Office

As chief of the Securities and Commodities Fraud Unit, Ms. Griswold:

- supervised dozens of individual and corporate investigations and prosecutions concerning accounting and valuation fraud, investor fraud, market manipulation and/or insider trading
- led a series of investigations into fraud in the asset management industry, including investigations involving hedge funds, private equity firms and family offices
- supervised all securities and commodities fraud trials involving the unit
- worked closely with senior officers within the SEC, CFTC and FINRA

Since many of the investigations Ms. Griswold oversaw were cross-border in scope, she has extensive knowledge of how prosecutors coordinate with foreign law enforcement agencies to investigate and obtain evidence, effectuate arrests and handle extraditions.

Before serving as chief of the Securities Fraud Unit, 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 led were multiweek or monthlong fraud cases, all of which resulted in convictions.

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

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. Prior to joining the SDNY, Ms. Griswold worked for five years as a white collar litigator at a global law firm. 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. The civil trial resulted in a jury verdict in favor of her client.

In recognition of her work, Ms. Griswold is ranked by *Chambers USA* and has been honored by *City & State New York* as part of its 2025 Law Power 100, in addition to being named one of Lawdragon's 500 Leading Global Litigators, 500 Leading Litigators in America and 500 Global Leaders in Crisis Management.