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Crowell & Moring Adds Former EPA Attorney In DC

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Law360 (September 23, 2026, 3:43 PM EDT) -- Crowell & Moring LLP is growing in Washington, D.C., with the addition of a former senior attorney-adviser in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of General Counsel.

Michele Knorr has joined the firm as senior counsel in its environmental and natural resources group, where she'll advise clients on agricultural technology and chemical regulatory issues, Crowell & Moring said Tuesday.

"After briefly retiring from the EPA, I was open to my next adventure," Knorr told Law360 Pulse in an email Wednesday. "Crowell's esteemed environmental practice, particularly the team's work in the FIFRA [Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act] and crop protection regulatory space, offered an exciting opportunity to bring my regulatory and litigation experience to private practice, focus on the environmental issues I'm passionate about, and work alongside lawyers I have known and respected for years."

Knorr's firm biography states that her practice focuses on crop protection product registration, regulatory counseling and litigation support arising under FIFRA, the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act and related federal environmental statutes.

In addition, Knorr helps crop protection manufacturers, agricultural technology companies, and other regulated entities navigate the full life cycle of pesticide regulation, from registration strategy and compliance to complex litigation, her biography said.

Knorr worked at the EPA from 1998 to 2025, according to her LinkedIn profile. There, she advised the agency on agriculture, crop protection products, endangered species, environmental justice and energy efficiency programs, including Energy Star, the firm said.

Knorr also worked with the U.S. Department of Justice to represent the EPA in litigation and helped negotiate agreements with regulated entities and other key stakeholders, according to Crowell & Moring.

Before becoming an attorney, Knorr was a scientist with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, an environmental specialist with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management and a laboratory chemist, Crowell & Moring said.

Knorr earned her law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law, a master's in natural resources from Ball State University and an undergraduate degree in biology from Towson University.

"Michele is a talented and highly respected agrochemical and FIFRA regulatory attorney, and her arrival immediately strengthens our ability to counsel clients navigating this complex regulatory space," Kirsten L. Nathanson, co-chair of the firm's environmental and natural resources group, said in the statement.

"Her firsthand experience inside EPA's Office of General Counsel, paired with her scientific background, gives our clients a rare combination of regulatory insight and technical fluency. She is going to be an outstanding resource for our agricultural technology, chemistry, and farming sector clients."

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