

Veteran Federal Prosecutor Joins Crowell & Moring In Denver

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Law360 (March 4, 2024, 9:17 AM EST) -- A former federal prosecutor with a history of handling cases in New York and Colorado has moved to Crowell & Moring to build a practice focused on government and internal white collar investigations, the firm announced on Monday.

Andrea Surratt is joining the firm's white collar and regulatory enforcement group in Denver. Her move there reunites her with the group's co-chair, Rebecca Monck Ricigliano, who supervised Surratt during her time in the Southern District of New York, and partner Glen McGorty, another former SDNY prosecutor.

"We have been talking now for a while about what I could bring to Crowell," Surratt told Law360 Pulse. "And I'm really excited about joining a team that seems to place a high value on collaboration in achieving results for clients."

In a statement, Ricigliano called it a "point of pride" to welcome Surratt to Crowell & Moring after watching her rise through the ranks of two U.S. attorney's offices.

"Andrea's deep knowledge of how prosecutors and government litigators think, combined with her dogged investigatory skills and trial experience, make her an incredibly important addition to our group and for our clients," she said.

Ricigliano was chief of the narcotics unit at SDNY during the second of Surratt's 13 years as a prosecutor. Surratt eventually assumed that role herself, overseeing money laundering and narcotics trafficking investigations.

Ricigliano "taught me a lot about being a prosecutor, especially the foundational things that prosecutors need to know and the fundamentals of being a prosecutor," Surratt said.

Surratt's victories as a New York prosecutor included overseeing the 2016 conviction of Virgil Flaviu Georgescu for selling military-grade weapons to a designated foreign terrorist organization in Colombia, according to the Department of Justice. She also prosecuted Charles Huggins, who was convicted in 2014 of raising millions from investors for sham oil companies.

In 2017, she moved to the U.S. attorney's office in the District of Colorado. There, she worked in the office's cybercrime and national security section and served as the District of Colorado's digital asset coordinator. She also worked on a variety of national security matters, such as sanctions and export

controls, in both New York and Colorado.

"I think those are areas in which, although the focus shifts over time, depending on the global situation, there are areas that are never going away, and there's always going to be a demand for someone that understands that universe," she said.

Surratt earned her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law.

"Andrea will be a significant asset to our growing Denver office, providing clients with invaluable advice on government investigations, as well as emerging issues," Denver managing partner Meshach Y. Rhoades said in a statement. "Her experience across two different federal districts gives her a unique perspective on the challenges that companies face due to increasing regulations."

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