

Crowell & Moring Hires 10-Year Treasury & DOJ Alum In DC

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Law360 (February 20, 2020, 8:43 PM EST) -- Crowell & Moring announced Thursday that it has hired as a partner in its international trade and white collar & enforcement groups an attorney with a decade of government experience split between the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Caroline Brown, who was most recently in the Office of Chief Counsel at the Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, is also an alumnus of the DOJ's National Security Division. She arrives at Crowell's Washington, D.C., office with almost exactly 10 years' high-level government experience on matters involving anti-money laundering, economic sanctions and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States.



Caroline Brown

Brown spent five years at FinCen, the bureau within the Treasury that is the primary anti-money laundering regulator for the United States, and five years with the DOJ, where she worked predominantly on CFIUS matters.

"I'm incredibly proud to have represented the United States for 10 years of my career and to be part of two top federal agencies dealing with national security concerns," Brown told Law360 Thursday.

Brown said that a major factor in her decision to join the firm was the fact that many of its attorneys include those "who have prior government experience and are very conversant in the way that Washington works and the way that Washington can affect private enterprise."

She highlighted that, at this moment, "the regulatory frameworks that companies have to operate in [are] becoming increasingly complex and opaque."

"I look forward to helping clients navigate those regimes so that they can move forward," she added.

Philip T. Inglima, Crowell & Moring's chair, said in a statement Thursday that adding Brown to its practices allows the firm to strategically expand to meet increased demand for its anti-money laundering and economics sanctions services.

"Caroline can offer strategic counsel to companies investing across borders to compete in global markets governed by complex and conflicting laws and regulations," he added.

And Nicole Simonian, a co-chair of the firm's international trade group, highlighted in a statement that Brown joins the firm as CFIUS has been expanding its reach as it examines international companies wanting to do business in the United States.

With that in mind, Simonian said, "Caroline's knowledge of how CFIUS reviews petitions will be especially important."

Prior to her time with the government, Brown had been part of the litigation group at Mayer Brown. She told Law360 she's always known that, at some point, she would return to private practice.

"I think the momentum is right for a lot of business development opportunities in the private sector," Brown said.

Another factor in her decision to join the firm: the community of talented practitioners there.

"I've known many attorneys at the firm for a while and always held the partnership in the highest esteem," Brown said. "The opportunity to become part of its ranks was an opportunity that I found very compelling."

Brown has undergraduate degrees from Duke University and a law degree from the University of Michigan. Her legal career started in the Western District of Tennessee, with a clerkship for U.S. District Judge Jon McCalla.

She started in the role Tuesday.

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