

Crowell Snags Former Sullivan Tax Partner

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Law360 (September 13, 2021, 6:07 PM EDT) -- A former tax partner at Sullivan & Worcester LLP and EY has joined the New York tax group office of Crowell & Moring LLP, the firm announced.

Irina Pisareva will advise clients on tax issues related to the structuring of new investment funds, distressed debt and derivative investments, litigation finance, global securities trading and cross-border transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, the firm said in a statement Thursday.

Pisareva adds a quarter-century of legal practice to Crowell's corporate law practice, which expanded in March with two dozen attorneys from Kibbe & Orbe, Crowell said. She had served as EY's lead international tax service partner for asset management firms with \$2 billion to \$300 billion in assets, according to the firm.

"Irina's 20 years at EY exposed her to many different types of deals, including mergers and acquisitions, fund formation and cross-border investments," said David B. Blair, chair of Crowell & Moring's tax group. "We are excited to have Irina join the firm and grow our transactional tax bench. Her breadth of experience in different types of transactions will be incredibly valuable to our clients."

Pisareva told Law360 that she was attracted to Crowell's "phenomenal" litigation and regulatory bench.

"This was an opportunity to join a highly entrepreneurial partnership committed to innovation and growth in its financial services practice," Pisareva told Law360. "New York and the global financial services industry is in my DNA, and Crowell & Moring is committed to expanding its offerings in this area."

The firm's corporate practice also serves the life sciences and technology sectors, which have numerous deals with novel tax planning challenges, she added.

Pisareva started at Crowell on Sept. 7. She earned a masters of law degree from New York University School of Law and a law degree from Saint Petersburg State University in Russia. She serves on the Private Investment Funds and the Taxation of Business Entities committees of the New York City Bar Association. She co-authored the chapter on U.S. corporate tax law for Global Legal Insight's Global Tax Laws and Regulations 2021.



Irina Pisareva

"Irina's experience adds to our growing transactional practice," said Glen G. McGorty, managing partner of Crowell & Moring's New York office. "Working with our corporate group — including the lawyers who have joined us from Kibbe & Orbe — she will enhance our ability to provide strategic advice on a range of tax issues faced by clients conducting global business and corporate transactions subject to both U.S. and foreign regulations."

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