

Greenberg Traurig Nabs Mueller Alum For Investigations Team

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Law360 (January 14, 2020, 5:09 PM EST) -- A prosecutor from the Mueller investigation's team is headed to Greenberg Traurig LLP in Washington, D.C., where she will be a shareholder in the firm's expanding white collar defense and special investigations practice, the firm announced Monday.

Kyle Freeny, who was one of 19 prosecutors working on special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into foreign interference in the 2016 presidential election from June 2017 through October 2018, started in her new role on Monday, the firm said.

The attorney is one of the firm's first D.C. hires of 2020. An expert in cross-border financial matters, she will focus on government and internal investigations, as well as compliance, with a particular focus on money laundering and anti-corruption enforcement.

Freeny earned both her law and undergraduate degrees from Harvard and clerked for Eighth Circuit Judge Diana Murphy. Before becoming a prosecutor, she defended federal agencies nationwide in civil litigation. She started at the U.S. Department of Justice through the Attorney General's Honors Program.

Freeny, who also worked for the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section of the DOJ's Criminal Division, had been with the agency for a decade when she was tapped for assistant special counsel in June 2017.

During her time in the Special Counsel's Office working on the Mueller investigation, she played a central role in the team's inquiries into federal tax and bank fraud. She also helped lead its investigation into the use of cryptocurrency to launder money used by Russian intelligence to fund its cyberintrusions in America's general election.

She returned to the DOJ in mid-October 2018 as the Mueller investigation wound down, and continued her work with the Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Section until she joined Greenberg Traurig.

Greenberg Traurig said it has identified expanded federal enforcement as a key concern of its white collar clients, and has responded by recruiting energetically from federal prosecutors' offices over the past year.



Kyle Freeny

Nathan J. Muyskens, a D.C. shareholder who also co-chairs the firm's global white collar criminal defense practice, said in a statement Monday that Freeny joins the firm as it "continues to grow the team as we move into new areas with a solid, single vision to be the No. 1 white collar practice on a global scale."

Other federal prosecutors to join the firm recently include Benjamin G. Greenberg, former U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida; David I. Miller, a former assistant U.S. attorney in the Southern District of New York; Robert Long, a former federal prosecutor and senior attorney with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority; and of counsel Todd A. Pickles, previously an assistant U.S. attorney in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of California.

And Freeny said Monday that she starts in the new role "as the government continues to expand its jurisdictional reach."

"Greenberg Traurig is laser-focused on preparing companies and individuals for this new regulatory climate," she said, noting that in the past few years the financial sector has seen increasingly complex enforcement, sometimes involving multiple regulators. She said she expects to see a continued enforcement focus on money laundering and anti-corruption, as well as on emerging financial technologies.

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