

## Covington Nabs 11-Year Federal Prosecutor For NY Office

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*Law360 (September 11, 2019, 9:47 PM EDT)* -- A veteran assistant U.S. attorney whose 11 years in the Southern District of New York included prosecuting an international sex trafficking ring and disgraced former Rep. Anthony Weiner has joined Covington & Burling LLP's New York office.

Amanda Kramer joined the firm Wednesday as a partner in the white collar defense and investigations practice. In addition to the Weiner trial, she prosecuted former Valeant Pharmaceuticals executive Gary Tanner for services fraud, and in March she was on the team prosecuting David Middendorf and Jeffrey Wada in connection with fraud by executives of accounting firm KPMG LLP.



Amanda Kramer

She said she developed many skills as a prosecutor that prepared her well for the move.

"I worked on white collar matters throughout my time there, but also, working on the human trafficking and crimes against children cases gave me a lot of experience dealing with a variety of institutions and individuals [including] law enforcement and internet service providers," Kramer told Law360 on Wednesday. "I was ready for a new challenge, and this seemed like the natural progression."

"One of the things that drew me to Covington is the breadth of the white collar defense and investigations practice, both in terms of the types of clients that the firm has, the industries that the firm works in, and the mix between investigations and defense work," she added.

Kramer said the work away from the high-profile cases is also vital and rewarding. In one case in 2013, in which two sex traffickers who exploited Mexican immigrants got life sentences, Kramer worked with some of the victims who testified, and simply being taken seriously by attorneys and the judge meant a lot to them.

"For someone who's been traumatized and told, again and again, that they deserve the treatment they're getting, having people listen to them is life-changing," she said.

"Amanda has a long and impressive track record in the SDNY and has proven to be a talented and tenacious lawyer, who is comfortable in a conference room and the courtroom," Nancy Kestenbaum,

co-chair of Covington's white collar group, said in a statement Wednesday. "Her calm, assured manner will be an asset to clients looking for guidance in high-stakes white collar investigations."

Kramer got her law degree at Fordham University, where she now teaches advanced trial advocacy, and her undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland.

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