

Ex-Treasury Atty Rejoins Covington As Partner In Tax Group

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Law360 (October 8, 2019, 1:19 PM EDT) -- A former attorney-adviser for the U.S. Department of the Treasury who helped implement the federal tax overhaul has rejoined Covington & Burling LLP as a partner in its tax practice group in the Washington, D.C., office, the firm announced.

Lindsay Kitzinger, who worked for the Office of International Tax Counsel in the U.S. Treasury's Office of Tax Policy, rejoined the firm Oct. 1, Covington said. Kitzinger, who had previously worked for the firm as a tax associate, told Law360 she was glad to have the opportunity to again work with a great staff on "really interesting issues."



Lindsay Kitzinger

Kitzinger provided technical guidance to Congress and the Joint Committee on Taxation regarding the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, but the bulk of the work she did at Treasury centered on helping to develop proposed regulations for international tax provisions, including the foreign tax credit and the transition tax, under Internal Revenue Code Section 965, she said.

"The bulk of the work I did at Treasury related to TCJA and helping to provide guidance to help fill in the gaps in the statute and provide taxpayers with guidance on how to apply the statutes to their circumstances," Kitzinger said. "I think it was a very rewarding experience, and I feel fortunate to have had it, given the rarity of this type of legislation."

She added that she felt "very lucky to have been there."

Kitzinger was also the main contact for Treasury for international tax issues at meetings of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations and the Group of 20 rich and developing nations, and she represented the U.S. at meetings at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's Committee on Fiscal Affairs on issues related to income tax treaties, she said.

In a statement, Daniel Luchsinger, chair of the firm's tax practice group, called Kitzinger's firsthand experience "invaluable."

"Given her role in drafting much of the international tax guidance coming from the Treasury in the past few years, she has a nuanced understanding of what has become an extremely complicated landscape of overlapping rules and regulations," Luchsinger said.

Kitzinger received her law degree from Harvard Law School.

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