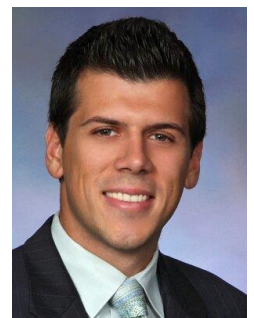


## Crowell & Moring Lands Former DOJ Assistant Chief For FCPA

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*Law360 (February 4, 2025, 12:01 AM EST)* -- A former assistant chief in the U.S. Department of Justice's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act unit has joined Crowell & Moring LLP as a partner in the firm's white collar and regulatory enforcement group, according to an announcement made Tuesday.

Alexander Kramer, who spent more than eight years with the Justice Department, will be based out of Crowell & Moring's Washington, D.C., office, the firm said. He's worked as an assistant chief of the FCPA unit since March 2022 and has also led investigations and prosecutions in the DOJ's healthcare fraud and market integrity and major fraud units.



Alexander Kramer

Kramer told Law360 on Monday that he's proud of his work on "impactful cases" in all three of the DOJ Fraud Section's litigating units, but his work on the prosecution and extradition of Colombian businessman Alex Saab as well as his investigation into Ecuadorian reinsurance bribery "really stand out."

In the Saab case, prosecutors claimed he conspired to launder \$350 million. Saab was indicted alongside another Colombian businessman in 2019 on charges that, after securing a contract with the Venezuelan government in 2011 to build low-income housing, the pair bribed officials, so they could be paid for nonexistent shipments of construction materials.

"The Saab case was incredibly meritorious given his egregious conduct and false claims of diplomatic immunity," Kramer said Monday. "We were able to prove those claims were fabricated at the district court before he was pardoned as part of a prisoner swap."

As for the reinsurance cases, Kramer spearheaded the probe of Jardine Lloyd Thompson Group Holdings Ltd., which stemmed from alleged bribery payments made to Ecuadorian government officials to obtain and retain state reinsurance contracts.

"The Ecuadorian reinsurance cases also stand out as a successful example of the [FCPA's] Corporate Enforcement and Voluntary Self-Disclosures Policy," Kramer said. "A case that originated from a self-disclosure led to one declination and two corporate resolutions with three different UK-based reinsurers and the prosecutions of seven individuals, including public officials, intermediaries and an individual at one of the reinsurers."

Notably, Kramer also worked on one of the most recent trial victories in prosecutors' case against a former Ecuador government official accused of laundering money through the U.S. financial system while taking \$10 million in bribes from Brazilian conglomerate Odebrecht SA. Carlos Pólit Faggioni, the former comptroller of Ecuador, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Before becoming assistant chief, Kramer worked as a trial attorney for the Justice Department. He also worked as senior counsel for Foley & Lardner LLP's government enforcement, compliance and white collar defense practice, according to his LinkedIn profile.

He earned his law degree from the University of California, Davis School of Law, and his bachelor's degree from UC Irvine.

At Crowell & Moring, Kramer will tackle white collar defense, internal investigations, compliance counseling and due diligence reviews of third parties and mergers, acquisitions and other transactions, according to Tuesday's announcement. He'll also advise clients on FCPA matters, healthcare fraud and financial fraud, the firm said.

Kramer said he was "immediately drawn to the deep bench of former government prosecutors and attorneys at Crowell that have added to the firm's success."

"I'm excited to be a part of a team with such a long and successful track record," he said.

Kramer added that Crowell & Moring has a "clear commitment to working collaboratively to find the best resolution for their clients."

Daniel Zelenko, chair of the firm's white collar and regulatory enforcement group, said in Tuesday's statement that Kramer "has the rare and unique combination of deep experience in three of the most significant white collar units within DOJ."

"His skill and reputation as a highly respected FCPA, healthcare and market integrity prosecutor will be incredibly valuable for our clients," Zelenko said.

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