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Rebekah Donaleski

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Cooley brought on Rebekah Donaleski, who spent nearly a decade as chief of the public corruption unit in the U.S. Attorney's

Office for the Southern District of New York, as a partner in white-collar defense and investigations group. Donaleski had tried nine cases to guilty verdicts and supervised 10 trials. Her tenure at the public corruption unit included the investigation and indictment of Sen. Robert Menendez, D-New Jersey, the trial of Jeffrey Epstein associate Ghislaine Maxwell and the foreign election interference case against Lev Parnas. Donaleski is the third recent chief of the SDNY's public corruption unit to join Cooley's white-collar defense group.