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Rising Star: McDermott's Greer Griffith

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Law360 (August 20, 2026, 4:00 PM EDT) -- McDermott Will & Schulte's Greer Griffith helped cryptocurrency clients navigate first-of-their-kind bankruptcy matters, including securing confirmation of a Chapter 11 plan for the first crypto trust company to file for bankruptcy and representing creditors in a crypto mining Chapter 11 case, earning her a spot among the fintech law practitioners under age 40 honored by Law360 as Rising Stars.

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Greer Griffith
McDermott

Age: 37
Home base: New York
Position: Partner
Law school: University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School
First job after law school: Law clerk at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

The biggest case of her career:

Griffith had a leading role in securing confirmation of Prime Trust's Chapter 11 plan in 2023. Prime Trust was the first-ever crypto trust company to file for bankruptcy, and she ended up litigating novel issues regarding crypto insolvencies.

Griffith is still working on the matter today as one of the lead partners representing the plan's administrator and litigation trustee. She led the prosecution of dozens of adversary proceedings looking to recover assets, and that strategy led to a landmark ruling last year holding that commingled crypto and fiat constitute property of the estate and may be dollarized for distribution to creditors.

"There really wasn't a roadmap for many of the issues we faced," she said. She added that what has made the work especially rewarding is she's "litigating issues that extend far beyond a single case."

"We're dealing with fundamental questions about who owns digital assets when they're commingled, how those assets should be treated in bankruptcy, and how traditional bankruptcy principles apply to an entirely new asset class," Griffith said.

Other notable cases:

Griffith said she's been "fortunate to work on some first-of-their-kind crypto insolvencies, and I love that these matters help answer fundamental legal questions about digital assets."

She represented creditors in one of the first wind downs of a cryptocurrency data miner, the company formerly known as Compute North Holdings. After the Chapter 11 plan was confirmed, she led the post-confirmation litigation strategy, which involved leading an action against former directors and officers claiming breaches of fiduciary duty and corporate waste. At the same time, she was working on a related insurance coverage case tied to the bankruptcy.

The strategy led to a Texas federal bankruptcy court holding that the insurer wrongfully refused a reasonable $4.65 million settlement demand from the trustee overseeing the wind-down.

And she represented an ad hoc group of objecting crypto creditors with roughly $110 million in claims in the Genesis Global Holdco LLC bankruptcy. In that matter, she was one of the leaders of the team pursuing novel objections, and she played a key role in litigation strategy, according to the firm.

"My team advanced several arguments that no other party was pursuing, including challenges to petition date valuation," she said. "I thought it was especially rewarding being able to advocate for those crypto creditors while helping shape the legal framework for future crypto restructurings."

What makes her proud:

Griffith said that while she's proud of her client work, she's most proud of her work building a more inclusive community within the fintech and digital asset industry.

"Crypto and fintech have historically been industries where many people — whether because of their background, their experience, not seeing others like themselves or intimidation about all the jargon that floats around — have felt nervous to enter the space," she said. "I've tried very conscientiously to create spaces where people feel welcome, where people feel like they connect with others and ask questions, build relationships and become part of the community."

Why she's a fintech lawyer:

Griffith said that, as a kid, she wanted to become a doctor because both of her parents are physicians.

"I definitely did not think I was going to be a crypto lawyer, considering crypto was not in existence when I was a kid," she said.

She entered crypto and the fintech aspect of the law by becoming a crypto investor herself and someone who was interested in the technology, she said.

"It truly sits at the intersection of many different disciplines: complex commercial litigation, bankruptcy, regulation, technology, etc.," Griffith said. "Every matter is intellectually challenging in a different way, which I find fascinating."

On the future of the industry:

Griffith said the future of fintech law is going to mean continuing to "help courts answer questions that really have not been answered before."

"Technologies are evolving faster than the law, and the legal space is not going to be about inventing entirely new legal principles," she said. "It's going to be about applying established legal principles to those rapidly evolving technologies."

Griffith said lawyers are going to need to understand not just the legal framework, but the underlying technology as well, "which is one of my favorite things about practicing in this space."

--As told to Hailey Konnath. Editing by Alyssa Miller.

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