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Eric Cheng is well versed in the area of design professionals liability claims. Educated as an architect, he has advised a number of domestic and international design professionals in contract negotiation, risk management, insurance procurement and potential pitfalls in domestic and overseas projects in Asian countries, including China. Eric is a native of Hong Kong, China, and is fluent in Cantonese, Mandarin and English.

Eric has litigated and tried complex construction liability claims brought under New York Labor Law against owners, contractors, subcontractors, construction managers and property managers, as well as clients charged with New York Department of Building violations. Eric also regularly provides coverage analysis focused on construction cases concerning New York Labor Law and other risk transfer-related issues.

In addition, Eric maintains an extensive practice centered on insurance coverage matters that arise out of general liability, professional liability and employment discrimination claims; he defends underlying cases in these areas. Eric also has extensive experience advising corporations on their insurance coverage programs. Having served as a trusted adviser to carriers for many years, Eric enjoys in-depth knowledge of insurance company operations and understands his clients' need for strategic and proactive legal counsel.

Construction & Design Professionals

Eric has defended architects and engineers in professional malpractice lawsuits arising out of construction delays and property damage, and has defended construction managers, resident engineers and general contractors in New York Labor Law litigation involving alleged violations of Labor Law §§ 240(1), 241(6) and 200.

In addition, Eric has supervised national architect and engineer claims and litigation administration programs and title insurance administration program for insurance carrier clients. In this capacity, he monitors litigation nationwide through resolution, including

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participation in mediation, arbitration and trial.

Insurance Coverage

Eric's practice also concentrates on insurance coverage issues stemming from professional malpractice, general liability, employment discrimination litigation and title insurance. Specifically, Eric has handled numerous insurance coverage litigation regarding first- and third-party claims. Eric also has provided coverage analysis to various insurance carriers and issued coverage position letters on their behalf. He also assisted his insurance carrier clients in writing insurance policies in the areas professional liability and cyber liability.

Eric has advised corporate clients on their risk management programs and engaged in the policy renewal discussion process with insurance brokers on behalf of the clients.

Education

- Case Western Reserve University School of Law (J.D., 1997)
- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 1993)

Bar Admissions

- New York
- New Jersey

Professional Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- American Bar Association

Languages

- Cantonese
- Mandarin