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Tae Um brings more than 15 years of coverage and litigation experience representing corporations and the insurance industry in coverage disputes, primarily in the areas of directors and officers liability as well as professional and general liability claims. He has also defended clients in professional liability and general liability suits. Additionally, Tae has handled numerous appeals before state and federal appellate courts.

Insurance-Reinsurance Coverage / Bad Faith

Tae provides skilled representation to domestic and foreign insurers in the areas of primary and excess liability on virtually all types of coverage disputes. His practice in California and throughout the United States has a special emphasis on professional liability, directors and officers liability, employment practices liability, technology and media liability, and construction defects liability matters.

Tae represents insurers in coverage and bad faith litigation in state and federal courts, including declaratory judgment, rescission and interpleader actions and in arbitration. Tae has successfully negotiated settlements in hundreds of mediations and settlement conferences as coverage and/or monitoring counsel.

Directors & Officers Liability

Tae represents D&O insurers as coverage and monitoring counsel in complex shareholder class actions against public companies and their directors and officers asserting violations of securities laws and shareholder derivative suits alleging breach of fiduciary duties and mismanagement.

Professional Liability

Tae has significant experience representing insurance agents and brokers, real estate brokers and agents, accountants and attorneys in defense of professional negligence claims. He is also engaged as coverage and monitoring counsel on behalf of insurers with

Services

- Insurance & Reinsurance Coverage
- Directors & Officers Liability
- Professional Liability & Services
- Employment & Labor
- Contractual/Extra-Contractual Liability Litigation

respect to professional errors and omissions matters involving financial brokers/dealers, investment advisers, insurance agents/brokers, real estate appraisers and brokers, media and technology companies, mortgage brokers, title and escrow companies, and property managers.

General Liability

Tae has experience defending general liability claims, including premises liability involving commercial and retail cases. He is also engaged as coverage and monitoring counsel on behalf of insurers with respect to general liability claims involving property managers, hospitality and residential apartment holdings, construction, automobile and transportation liability cases.

Education

- Albany Law School (J.D., 1998)
- Oberlin College (B.A., 1992)

Bar Admissions

- California
- Massachusetts
- New York

Court Admissions

- U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit
- U.S. District Court, Central District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of California
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York

Professional Affiliations

- New York State Bar Association
- New York County Bar Association
- Los Angeles County Bar Association
- State Bar of California

Awards & Honors

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