

Covington Boosts Insurance Group With Orrick DEI Co-Chair

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Law360 (August 10, 2022, 11:20 AM EDT) -- Covington & Burling LLP has added an insurance veteran from Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP to the firm's practice in San Francisco.

The firm announced on Monday that Darren Teshima had joined the firm after nearly 14 years at Orrick, where he was also a co-chair of its diversity equity and inclusion program, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Covington said Teshima will work on complex insurance issues and high stakes litigation and will only represent policyholders. Teshima advises those clients on improving their insurance and risk management groups on issues including contested claims, with a focus on cyberinsurance, directors and officers, and errors and omissions coverage, the firm said.

"Covington has the premier and the gold standard coverage practice and they have for years, and I've always admired their lawyers, I've had the opportunity to work with some of them when we were at Heller Ehrman together and so Covington is just a perfect opportunity for me to expand my coverage practice," Teshima told Law360 Pulse.

Marty Myers, co-chair of the firm's insurance practice, said in a statement that Teshima would be a welcome addition to the firm's insurance-focused group.

"With more than one hundred coverage attorneys in six offices across the globe, we are the largest policyholder-side practice in the nation," he said. "Darren is an important part of the future of our practice. He is so very highly regarded — not only in the insurance-legal community, but also in the Bay Area technology and financial services legal communities, and he maintains a vibrant and growing practice."

Teshima studied law and jurisprudence at Amherst College and graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 2005, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Having led Orrick's DEI group, Teshima said fair and diverse representation was important to him as a fourth-generation Japanese American "whose grandparents were incarcerated during the internment in World War II."



Darren Teshima

"I've always had a personal connection to civil rights issues, in particular those affecting people from historically underrepresented groups including Asian Americans and other racial minorities," he said. "It's something I'm passionate about. I feel really fortunate to serve as the board chair of the Asian Law Caucus, which is the country's oldest Asian American civil rights organization, and the opportunity to help lead the DEI effort at Orrick was a continuation of that passion to see more diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, and that's another reason why I'm really happy about being here at Covington."

Teshima said that helping his clients navigate complex insurance issues and understand processes or find the right coverage was what he enjoyed the most about his practice.

"I love helping clients with their most sophisticated, difficult insurance coverage matters on some of the cutting edge issues of today," he said.

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