

Jeff Tsai Joins DLA Piper's Litigation, White Collar & Investigations Practices in California

DLA Piper announced that Jeff Tsai has joined the firm's Litigation, White Collar and Investigations practices as a partner in California, based out of the San Francisco and Los Angeles offices.

Tsai, who previously led Alston & Bird's State Attorneys General team, represents companies in complex civil and criminal enforcement matters brought by state and federal agencies. He will help lead DLA Piper's efforts nationally in assisting companies subject to investigative scrutiny by individual and multi-state attorneys general.

Tsai's state attorneys general practice has included representations in multi-state investigations and lawsuits on a range of issues related to consumer protection, antitrust and health care. His representation has included many industries that are regularly the subject of state attorney general enforcement, such as Internet retail, daily fantasy sports, travel and online higher education.

Additionally, Tsai is active in defending white collar matters in investigations and trials, including representations involving trade secret theft and economic espionage, fraud and public corruption. In January, he served as first-chair counsel in one of the few federal criminal trade secret prosecutions to proceed to trial.

"As both a former federal prosecutor and former senior official in the office of the California attorney general, Jeff immediately will enhance our growing white collar and

investigations platform globally,” said Loren Brown, co-chair of DLA Piper’s global and US Litigation practices. “Our clients continue to face a complex and changing regulatory environment at both the state and federal levels, and Jeff is uniquely suited to help them navigate these challenges.”

“As we continue to increase the breadth and depth of our white collar and corporate investigations capabilities in California, as well as our overall litigation platform, Jeff’s vast knowledge and experience will be an important strategic component of our offering,” said Sang Kim, managing partner of the firm’s Northern California offices.

“I’m thrilled with the opportunity to work with DLA’s dynamic team on the West Coast, and I look forward to helping the firm build out the White Collar and Investigations practices here and across the country,” Tsai said.

Tsai previously served as special assistant attorney general in the office of California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, where he served as a senior advisor to former Attorney General Harris on criminal justice and consumer protection issues and litigation. He was also an assistant US attorney in Miami, a trial attorney for the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division of the US Department of Justice, and senior counsel to former Assistant US Attorney General Lanny Breuer. He started his career as a judicial law clerk for US District Judge Vanessa Gilmore in Houston. He received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and his B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin.