

Tucker Ellis Grows In LA With Garret & Tully Partner

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[Tucker Ellis LLP](#) has added a business, real estate, appeals and bankruptcy attorney to its Los Angeles office, the firm announced Monday.

Zi Lin joins Tucker Ellis as counsel after over 15 years working for [Garrett & Tully APC](#), according to his [LinkedIn](#) profile. His practice focuses on business disputes, real estate litigation, appeals and a range of bankruptcy issues, including representing trustees and creditors in Chapter 7, 11 and 13 bankruptcy cases, the firm said in a news release.



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Tom Simmons, the firm's business litigation group chairman, said in a statement that Lin's experience would bring "further bench strength to our practice" and help deepen the firm's Los Angeles capabilities.

"His multi-faceted experience will benefit our clients tremendously," Simmons said.

Lin's experience includes trial and arbitration work in state, federal and bankruptcy courts, and he is admitted before all U.S. Bankruptcy court districts in California, the firm said. His work also includes appellate work, and he has practiced before the California and U.S. Supreme Courts. According to Lin's firm profile, he has defended appeals in the Ninth Circuit and has prepared writs of certiorari for the [U.S. Supreme Court](#).

Lin studied political science at the University of California, Los Angeles, and earned his law degree from the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco, according to his LinkedIn profile.

In addition to Lin's legal experience, he spent over eight and a half years as the planning commissioner for the City of Arcadia, California, where he managed the city's zoning and land

use issues. He joined Garrett & Tully in 2007, according to his LinkedIn profile.

In an email to Law360 Pulse Monday, Lin said he wanted to move his practice to a large platform to help service his real estate, bankruptcy and appellate clients. He also reflected on his time working as a planning commissioner, which he said was sometimes difficult to juggle while simultaneously managing his practice and personal life.

"The commission meetings started in the evening and sometimes ended close to midnight," he said. "There were some challenges juggling both roles because my children are young and I wanted to spend as much time as possible with them. The COVID pandemic actually made it easier, as the planning commission meetings were held virtually for a year or so."

Lin said he first got interested in real estate because he felt the industry affected nearly "every aspect of our lives," he said. Those issues were often evergreen, he said, and are not always as susceptible to economic downturns as other aspects of the law.

"After I started out as a litigator specializing in real estate matters in California state court, I realized that our clients were underserved in other forums, such as the appellate courts and bankruptcy courts," Lin said. "I worked to obtain my [California State Bar](#) certification as a specialist in appellate law, and [embedded] myself in the Southern California bankruptcy community, representing bankruptcy trustees along with my real estate clients."

Lin said he enjoyed his practice because he found the legal challenges intellectually stimulating and challenging.

"My practice requires me to wear different hats and change my pace and point of view according to different types of matters," he said. "For example, I enjoy the fast pace and adrenaline of trial work, but I also enjoy slowing down and pouring through legislative history and arcane case law for appellate briefs."

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