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Eryk Gettell is an accomplished attorney with extensive experience counseling insurers on complex insurance coverage and litigation matters, including directors and officers liability policies, employment practices liability insurance, financial institutions policies, professional liability insurance, and commercial general liability insurance.

Eryk is a Member in Severson & Werson's Insurance Practice Group. Clients turn to Eryk because of his depth of knowledge regarding various lines of insurance, significant experience in representing insurers, and his real-world approach to resolving challenging coverage disputes.

Eryk has advised insurers on thousands of insurance claims such as securities class actions, board of director disputes, employment discrimination and sexual harassment matters, wage and hour lawsuits, professional negligence claims, regulatory investigations, professional negligence, and fiduciary liability matters. Eryk assists clients with evaluating the availability of coverage, preparing coverage letters, monitoring complex claims, participating in settlement conferences and mediations, and coordinating with insureds, brokers, defense counsel, and policyholder counsel regarding insurance matters. Eryk also represents insurers in coverage litigation matters, including declaratory relief actions, litigation regarding fee disputes, and defending insurers in breach of contract and extra-contractual lawsuits.

Eryk is also an accomplished writer and speaker. During his tenure at Sedgwick, he wrote numerous articles for Sedgwick's Insurance Law Blog covering legal issues in various states. He was also a contributing author of "Directors & Officers Liability Insurance Deskbook," 4th Edition, American Bar Association Publishing, Chicago (2016). Eryk has recorded multiple webinars on the topic of "Data Breach and Liability Insurance: Managing the Potential Risk and Addressing Claims?" He has also presented to insurance clients on topics such as the insured's right to independent counsel, mediations from the carrier's perspective, and California's Fair Claims Settlement Practices Regulations.

Eryk serves on the Board of the Professional Liability Underwriting Society (PLUS) Northern California Chapter. He is also a member of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF), the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA), the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association (NAPABA), and the NAPABA Insurance Law Committee (NAPABA ILC). While in law school, Eryk served as a judicial extern for Judge Martin Burke with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC).

Education

- Southwestern University School of Law, J.D., 2006
- University of California, Berkeley, B.A., 2002

Admissions

- California

Areas of Practice

Insurance

- [Alternative Dispute Resolution](#)
- [Cybersecurity/Data Privacy](#)
- [Directors & Officers Liability](#)
- [Insurance Coverage Litigation](#)
- [Insurance Coverage & Underwriters Representation](#)

Publications

- [Hyman, S. J. & Gettell, E.R. \(Summer 2018\). Insurance Coverage Under Directors & Officers Liability Insurance Policies for Claims Brought Under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act](#)