

Covington Adds Reed Smith Tech M&A Partner In Calif.

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Law360, San Francisco (May 3, 2017, 3:25 PM EDT) -- Covington and Burling LLP has hired to its corporate practice in Silicon Valley a Reed Smith LLP partner who's specialized in mergers and acquisitions, venture capital financings and cross-border transactions with Asian technology companies, Covington said Wednesday

Catharina Y. Min is joining Covington after handling a variety of transactions for international companies, including private financings, joint ventures, strategic alliances, corporate partnering and securities offerings at Reed Smith, the firm said.



Catharina Min

Min, who is fluent in Korean, built her career representing Asian companies doing business in the United States. She's also helped startup tech companies secure funds and deal with general corporate matters, according to Covington. Min said she's "gratified" to join Covington's corporate practice, which has a track record of collaborating across practices and has experts on a variety of subjects and regulations.

"That combination can provide valuable insight for clients into an increasingly complex set of laws and regulations governing corporate transactions," she said in a statement Wednesday.

At Reed Smith, Min was the vice chair of its business and finance department and she was a partner in its corporate and tax advisory group, according to her LinkedIn profile. She also served as the office managing partner of Reed Smith's Silicon Valley office for three years. Before heading to Reed Smith, Min was a partner for nine years at Squire Sanders LLP, which merged with Patton Boggs LLP in 2014 to form Squire Patton Boggs LLP, her LinkedIn profile says.

During her career, Min has led several sell-side mergers and acquisitions for health care companies, according to her profile on Covington's website. She also led a complex acquisition, which consolidated three companies in the United States and Korea, for a 3-D movie equipment maker, and she led an acquisition by a publicly held Korean conglomerate of a wind turbine manufacturer with operations in the United States and Germany.

Min has an undergraduate degree and a law degree from the University of Virginia.

On Wednesday, Tom DeFilipps, the West Coast chair of Covington's corporate practice, said Min's

extensive experience representing high-profile clients in negotiating complex cross-border deals adds to the firm's ability to represent technology companies.

"Her ability to advise companies navigating an ever-changing technology landscape will enhance the firm's corporate practice as we continue to build our transactional capabilities in Silicon Valley and the rest of California," DeFilipps said in a statement.

Min said in an email late Wednesday that she is very excited to join Covington & Burling, and noted that she particularly looks forward to working with her new colleagues on growing the firm's California corporate mergers and acquisitions practice to serve international technology and healthcare companies.

Covington is an international law firm with more than 1,000 lawyers in 10 offices worldwide, according to the firm's site.

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Update: This story has been updated to include additional comment from Min.