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Patrick Shen Appointed Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices

Following unanimous confirmation by the U.S. Senate, Patrick Shen was sworn in Nov. 13, 2007, as Special Counsel for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices in the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division.

Previously, Mr. Shen was Director of Government Relations at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, LLP.

Mr. Shen received his B.A. in International Relations and J.D. from Brigham Young University. He began his legal career through the Attorney General's Honor Program, and has served in the Justice Department in the capacities of law clerk for the U.S. Immigration Court, assistant district counsel for the former Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York City, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York, and trial attorney in the Office of Immigration Litigation of the Civil Division. In addition, Mr. Shen was chief immigration counsel for the Senate Judiciary Committee during the 108th Congress, and director of policy and planning at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the Department of Homeland Security.

The mission of the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) for Immigration Related Unfair Employment Practices is to educate both legally authorized workers and their employers about the anti-discrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), enforce legal protections against citizenship and national origin discrimination, and document abuse in hiring, firing and referral for a fee.

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