

## Crowell Adds Insurance Pro From Shipman & Goodwin In DC

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*Law360 (July 21, 2021, 7:00 PM EDT)* -- Crowell & Moring LLP added an attorney from Shipman & Goodwin LLP this month, bolstering its Washington, D.C., insurance and reinsurance practice with a partner experienced in litigating complex environmental issues involving everything from asbestos to Superfund sites.

Miranda H. Turner will also serve on Crowell's Environmental, Social and Governance advisory team, which was formed earlier this year.

The advisory team will counsel clients on ESG risk factors and coverage issues, as well as bigger picture items such as internal operations and investment portfolios, said Turner, who has worked on coverage disputes over the Portland Harbor Superfund site, an issue she told Law360 she enjoyed working on.

"It involves hundreds of [potentially responsible parties], a really complicated site, lots of interesting regulatory and political overlays," she said. "That was one that I always found particularly compelling and just very interesting to work on."

She's also represented insurers on suits involving talc and asbestos liability issues.

For example, she represented an insurer who argued that other insurers of a plumbing piping company failed to pay their fair share to cover a plumbing piping company named in various asbestos suits.

She also represented an insurer in a suit involving the bankruptcy of a company facing claims that the talc it supplied contained traces of cancer-causing asbestos.

Turner said she's excited to expand her practice to newer issues, such as COVID-19. Dozens of businesses have filed lawsuits against insurers seeking coverage for losses related to COVID-19.

"I certainly don't mean to be flippant about it, but COVID — leaving aside, obviously, what we've all been through the last year and a half — it is an exciting time from a work perspective," Turner said. "Lots of knotty coverage problems to untangle for clients, and that sort of work was really attractive to me."

Despite insurance law being specialized, Turner said she enjoys working on issues from a wide variety of industries, from manufacturers to suppliers to restaurants.



Miranda H. Turner

"With insurance, even though you're very specialized in terms of types of coverage (and) terms of art in the contracts, you still do wind up with a range of underlying issues that give you that flavor of a broad subject matter," she said.

And Turner said she's heard good things about Crowell's work culture.

"I have always been really impressed by the skill of the lawyers, the genuine niceness of the people," Turner said.

Crowell & Moring chair Philip T. Inglima said in a statement that Turner's experience builds on the firm's ability to handle complex litigation.

"Her arrival comes at a critical time for insurers, when their business operations are confronting the impact of many emerging issues, particularly those related to the digital transformation, COVID-19 and ESG," Inglima said.

Turner received her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Brown University, according to Crowell & Moring.

She was promoted to partner at Shipman & Goodwin last year.

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