James Chen, Vice President of Public Policy RIVIAN AUTOMOTIVE, LLC

Serving as Vice President of Public Policy, James "Jim" Chen is responsible for all policy issues and government relations at Rivian Automotive, LLC. He is also tasked with oversight of regulatory requirements applicable to Rivian's products and facilities.

Prior to joining Rivian, Jim spent six years at Tesla, Inc. working first as its Director of Public Policy & Associate General Counsel, and ultimately as Vice President of Regulatory Affairs & Deputy General Counsel. During his tenure at Tesla, Jim utilized his extensive knowledge of international, federal, state and local government relations and policy to further Tesla's mission of catalyzing sustainable energy in the transportation sector during its most formative years (2010 – 2016); as well as providing strategic business development advice and accomplishments on behalf of that company. Between Tesla and Rivian, Jim also spent time as Vice President and General Counsel for two other start up electric vehicle companies, Chanje Energy, Inc. and Faraday Future, Inc., as well as being an independent consultant to other entities in the new transportation arena.

Jim came to the alternative energy and transportation space from nearly fifteen years as a prominent Washington, D.C. attorney – first as a partner in the Environmental Practice of the Washington, D.C. law firm of Hogan & Hartson LLP (now Hogan Lovells LLP) and later as a partner in the Washington D.C. law firm of Crowell & Moring LLP where he was the co-chair of the firm's Product Risk Management Group and a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Group. During his time in the private firm sector, Jim represented a number of established automobile and truck manufacturers, as well as various industry suppliers on environmental and safety regulatory and policy issues affecting the transportation sector. Jim also maintained a lucrative practice in the area of chemical and pesticide regulation, as well as environmental compliance and due diligence. Jim started his legal career as an Honors Hire at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Enforcement.

Jim is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University – School of Law and has a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo.