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BY HEADCOUNT**

**KOREA'S TOP
LAWYERS AS CHOSEN
BY CLIENTS**

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**KOREA
SUPER 30
LAWYERS
2021**

In its first Korea Super 30 Lawyers list, ALB spotlights standout private practitioners in the country when it comes to client service. These lawyers were selected based on client recommendations sent directly to ALB. Some of the lawyers have been profiled.

LIST BY ASIAN LEGAL BUSINESS, TEXT BY APARNA SAI

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KIM & CHANG

Young Man Huh
KIM & CHANG

Jinhee Kim
JIPYONG

Jun Hee Kim
ARNOLD & PORTER

Kap-You (Kevin) Kim
PETER & KIM

Philip (Do Youn) Kim
HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS

Ricky Kim
STEPHENSON HARWOOD

Sun Hee Kim
YULCHON

Wonil Kim
YOON & YANG

Hyeong Gun Lee
LEE & KO

KOREA SUPER 30 LAWYERS

cross-examination skills and communicates the client's position superbly to the tribunal and to us. He possesses superb oral advocacy skills and is tenacious in advancing and protecting our interests." ^{ALB}

Jinhee Kim

head of global dispute resolution,
Jipyong



Kim, a specialist in international arbitration and cross-border litigation, leads the global dispute resolution team at Jipyong. She is experienced in private mediation and has negotiated more than 100 settlements of small and large scale disputes including class actions over her legal career. Kim is trained in U.S. litigation, and is closely familiar with civil procedures in other common law countries including England and Singapore, as well as civil law systems including Korea and France.

Kim, who has led numerous arbitral and court proceedings, was the lead counsel representing a Korean construction company in an international arbitration administered by SIAC against a Middle Eastern corporation. She also represented a Korean investment fund in a high-stake international arbitration administered by SIAC against a Southeast Asian multinational corporation.

Talking about her approach to client relationships, Kim says, "I approach each such client with the goal of forging long-term trust relations with the client and to become the client's champion when it comes to dispute resolution. I believe that a zealous and successful advocate is someone who understands the client's business inside and out and is willing to take on not just fees but also responsibility over the client's legal affairs."

Kim believes that her prior experience as an in-house lawyer as well as a journalist and international civil servant has equipped her with a keener understanding of clients' needs and persuasive communication skills.

"She is sharp, responsive, hard-working, creative and very easy to work with - the strategies we present to the client are a joint effort, with us both contributing our experience and views so as to come up with the best options we can," says a client. "This leads to the best outcomes." ^{ALB}

Kap-You (Kevin) Kim

senior partner, Peter & Kim



Kim, who has been in legal practice for over three decades, focuses on international arbitration. The winner of the Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year at the ALB Korea Law Awards 2020, Kim has been engaged in various matters.

He has successfully represented Incheon Metropolitan City (Respondent) in a dispute regarding the validity of the termination of a framework agreement for the development of a comprehensive project in the Incheon Free Economic Zone due to the claimant's material breach of contract in failing to capitalise the project SPC as agreed and in compliance with the legal requirements.

Kim continues to be engaged by the Republic of Korea as lead counsel to defend the Korean state in connection with investment treaty claims brought by Lone Star Funds in an ICSID arbitration. The aggregate amount in dispute is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$5 billion. The parties are currently awaiting a final award from the tribunal.

Additionally, Kim is defending POSCO in an arbitration (ICC, Singapore) related to the development of the \$35-billion New Songdo International Business District, under development over 5.7 million square meters of land reclaimed from the Yellow Sea in the Incheon Free Economic Zone in South Korea.

With regards to client service, Kim says that clients must enjoy the best of their rights and interests available to them in any particular circumstances. While every case may not be "winnable", clients deserve the best of options available to them.

"Kevin Kim is a brilliant strategist and leads a case like no other," says a client. Another adds: "He is energetic and has sound knowledge and an extremely professional approach to handling complex litigations." ^{ALB}

Sun Hee Kim

partner, Yulchon



Kim, who leads Yulchon's data & technology team, focuses on corporate and finance, M&A, TMT/ICT, Fintech, Health-tech, privacy and information security, big data and artificial intelligence.

She advises many global companies in the ICT industry, including Facebook, Dell EMC, Agoda and Broadcom, on a diverse range of transactional and regulatory matters, including data privacy, telecommunications regulations and global restructuring projects.

Besides this, she advises top Fintech companies, such as Ant Financial, Stripe and Coda Payments, as well as traditional financial companies, on corporate and financial regulatory matters, data privacy, license and permits, cloud migration and e-commerce regulations.

Recently, Kim's team and she successfully advised many companies in tackling various regulatory challenges in the process of achieving digital transformation.

Some of her long-term clients include global companies like Olin, nVent Thermal, Levi's and Nielsen.

Kim is the co-chair of AMCHAM's ICT Committee. She has also served as an officer of International Bar Association (IBA)'s Asia Pacific Regional Forum since 2015 and is currently a member of the advisory committee for the Financial Security Institute of Korea.

"Sun Hee provides timely, practical and comprehensive feedback on a variety of legal topics for which she has been engaged," says a client. "She does an exceptional job of highlighting risks and offering solutions. For these reasons, I look forward to continuing to work with her." ^{ALB}