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Jinhee Kim is Global Practice Chair of Jipyong LLC, one of Korea's premier full-service firms. She also heads the firm's Global Dispute Resolution Practice, specializing in international arbitration and cross-border litigation. She acts as the lead dispute counsel for numerous conglomerates and multinational corporations and appears regularly before federal and state courts of the U.S. and major arbitral institutions such as the ICC, LCIA, AAA, SIAC, HKIAC, and KCAB. Jinhee has also served as the sole arbitrator in a number of KCAB international arbitration proceedings.

Jinhee is recognized by peers as a fierce advocate and a first-rate negotiator. She has defended multi-billion-dollar multi-jurisdiction disputes and settled hundreds of cases over her legal career. She is consistently ranked by Chambers and Legal Times as a leading lawyer in international arbitration and Asian Legal Business recognized her as Korea's Super 30 Lawyers in 2021. Her recent advocacy work as first chair include: trade secret dispute and preliminary injunction before the Northern District Court of California; breach of contract action brought by an Israeli pharmaceutical company against a Korean corporation before the Supreme Court of New York; shareholder dispute involving a Korean conglomerate and a European counterpart; and several private investment disputes involving companies in Indonesia, Singapore, Korea, Oman, Saudi Arabia, the CIS countries, and the United States.

Jinhee brings a diverse cultural, organizational, and professional background to the practice of law. She trained as litigator at LeBoeuf Lamb (CA) and Paul Hastings (CA) and worked inhouse at LG Display's Seoul Headquarters before joining Jipyong in 2016. Prior to legal practice, Ms. Kim was a TV journalist and served as an associate expert for the UN Sustainable Development Division.

Education

2005	UC Berkeley School of Law (J.D.)
2000	Seoul National University, Graduate School of International Studies (M.A.)
1995	Seoul National University, School of Social Welfare (B.A.)

Experience

2016-Present	Head of Global Dispute Resolution Practice, JIPYONG LLC
2022-Present	ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR South Korea Delegate
2022-Present	SIMC Korea Specialist Mediator
2018-Present	International Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
2023-2025	Member, Foreign Legal Consultant Disciplinary Committee
2021-2025	Member, Seoul IDRC Steering Committee
2018-2025	Member, KCAB Next Steering Committee
2009-2016	Lead Litigation Counsel, LG DISPLAY CO. LTD. (Seoul, Korea)
2006-2009	Associate Attorney, PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER, LLP (Orange County, CA)
2005-2006	Associate Attorney, LEBOEUF, LAMB, GREENE & MACRAE, LLP (San Francisco, CA)
1999-2001	Associate Expert, Department of Economic & Social Affairs, UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT (New York, NY)
1996-1999	Reporter / Director, ARIRANG TV (Seoul, Korea)
1995-1996	Producer, KOREAN CHRISTIAN TELEVISION SYSTEM (Seoul, Korea)

Notable Achievements

- Represented a Korean construction and engineering conglomerate in an ICC construction arbitration brought by a multinational subcontractor; claims were voluntarily withdrawn after nearly three years of adversarial proceedings
- Represented a European based US company in a KCAB arbitration based on US-Korea FTA
- Represented a Korean asset management company in a lawsuit against California resident before the Central District Court of California; case was successfully settled after court mediation
- Represented a domestic trading in a successful KCAB arbitration against an Eastern European company
- Represented a domestic medical device manufacturer in a successful HKIAC arbitration against a Chinese importer
- Represented a Korean conglomerate in a contract dispute ICC arbitration against a Taiwanese company
- Represented a domestic bio exporter in a KCAB arbitration against a Nigerian company; obtained recognition and enforcement of the arbitral award in Kenya
- Represented a California corporation in a successful lawsuit against Korean company before the Central District Court of California

Honors and Recognitions



- 2025 Commendation from the Minister of Justice (Contribution to the revitalization of the arbitration system in the Republic of Korea)
- 2025 Best Lawyer in Global Dispute Resolution & International Arbitration Practice, Hankyung Business
- 2023 Top 10 Powerful Arbitration Lawyers, Business Today News
- 2023 GAR Academy Fundamentals of International Arbitration Course, Member of the Faculty Group
- 2021 Korean Super 30 Lawyers, Asian Legal Business (Thomson Reuters)
- 2021-2026 Leading Individual in Dispute Resolution: Arbitration, Chambers Asia-Pacific
- 2020-2025 Leading Individual in Dispute Resolution: Arbitration, Chambers Global
- 2019, 2021-2025 Leading Lawyer in International Arbitration Practice, Legal Times

Speaking Engagements and Publications



- 2025 Korea stays abreast of global best practices in arbitration (Asia Business Law Journal)
- 2022 Global Practice Guides: Antitrust Litigation 2022 (Trends and Developments) - South Korea (Chambers and Partners)
- 2022 Lexology Getting The Deal Through: Dispute Resolution 2022 - South Korea Chapter (Law Business Research)
- 2021-2022 Cases and Precedents: Vertical Restraints - South Korea (Global Competition Review)
- 2021 The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides: International Arbitration - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500), Exclusive Contributor
- 2020 The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides: International Arbitration - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500)
- 2019 Comparative Legal Guide: International Arbitration (4th edition) - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer)
- 2019 Where Do International Civil Servants Go for Justice? (Kluwer Arbitration Blog)

News & Activities

2019	Speaker for 2019 IBA Young Lawyers' Committee Training Event "The Fundamentals of International Legal Business Practice"
2019	Legal Times' Special Report on Leading Lawyers 2019 in International Arbitration
2019	JIPYONG LLC's Global Dispute Resolution Practice (Korea Economic Daily)
2019	Speaker at ABA Section of International Law 2019 Annual Conference on "The U.S. Supreme Court Says 'No' to China: Lessons Learned from the Vitamin C Case and the Implications for Cross-Border Litigation"
2018	English Writing and Global Perspective Lecture Series
2017	ABC's of International Dispute Management
2017	Panelist for 2017 Seoul IDRC Seminar on "Dispute Resolution and Governing Law Clause for Companies in Korea"
2016	Jipyong Academy Lecture "In-house Insight" (Jipyong)
2016	Seminars on Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act
2016	Seminars on Defending Antitrust Class and Individual Actions
2016	Jipyong's 9 overseas offices in China and Myanmar, etc. with expertise in construction disputes (Maeil Business Newspaper)

Newsletters

[JIPYONG LLC - Korea Legal Insight]

- [Korea's Codified Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product Doctrine and Its Implications](#) (Mar. 16, 2026)
- [K-Discovery: Korea's New Discovery Rules and What It Means for Korean Litigants](#) (Mar. 3, 2026)
- [Personal Obligations in Korean Venture Financing Deals: Enforceability of Founder-Backed Share Purchase Obligations in Korea](#) (Sep. 29, 2025)
- [2024 in Review & 2025 Outlook](#) (Jan. 13, 2025)
- [Recent Supreme Court Ruling on Labor Standards Act and Its Possible Implication on Foreign Companies Operating Subsidiaries in Korea](#) (Dec. 2, 2024)
- [Korean Public Procurement and "Unfair Acts" of Suppliers: Practical Implications of Supreme Court Decision 2024Du32393](#) (Aug. 5, 2024)
- [2023 in Review & 2024 Outlook by Practice Chairs](#) (Jan. 8, 2024)
- [Shareholders' Contractual Rights in Korea's Rehabilitation Proceedings](#) (Dec. 4, 2023)
- [Voluntary Carbon Market – A New Genre of Cross Border Disputes?](#) (Sept. 4, 2023)
- [Recent Trends in Criminal Antitrust Investigations in Korea](#) (Aug. 8, 2023)
- [Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Korea and Interplay with the Korean Fair Trade Act](#) (April 3, 2023)
- [JIPYONG's 2022 Year in Review](#) (Jan. 3, 2023)
- [Is Your Acquisition in Korea Subject to a Business Combination Filing to the KFTC?](#) (Dec. 5, 2022)
- [Skyrocketing Material Prices' Impact on Construction Contracts and Impending Amendment to Korean Fair Transactions in Subcontracting Act](#) (Oct. 4, 2022)

- [Recent Changes to the Scope of Available Discovery in International Arbitration](#) (Sept. 5, 2022)
- [Korea's Amendment to the Act on Private International Law – Highlights and Implications for Cross-border Litigation](#) (April 4, 2022)
- [New Year Special: 2022 Prospects for Key Practice Areas](#) (Jan. 3, 2022)
- [Amendment of Korea's Telecommunications Business Act – a Digital Shot Heard Around the World?](#) (Nov. 15, 2021)
- [Attorney-Client Privilege in Korea – Principle versus Practice](#) (Sept. 6, 2021)
- [Korea's Unique Statutory Post-Judgment Interest Regime and Implications on Arbitral Award Enforcement in Korea](#) (July 5, 2021)
- [Trends and Prospects of Regulating Online Platforms in Korea](#) (June 7, 2021)
- [Dispute Resolution Implications in Use of Labor-Management Agreements](#) (May 3, 2021)
- [Jipyong's Social Value Management Showcased on In House Warrior Podcast Hosted by Levick](#) (March 2, 2021)
- [New ICC Arbitration Rules in Comparison to KCAB Rules](#) (Feb. 15, 2021)
- [Full Amendment of the Fair Trade Act](#) (Dec. 21, 2020)

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2019 Foreign Legal Consultant License by Korean Ministry of Justice
2005 California

Languages

English / Korean