

Catherine Yoon

— Senior Associate

Professional Practice

Catherine is a senior associate at Peter & Kim, specializing in international arbitration, U.S. litigation and white collar investigations. Catherine acts as counsel to private parties and sovereign States in high-stakes, complex commercial and investment treaty arbitrations.

Her experience spans a wide range of industry sectors, including oil and gas, renewable energy, construction, financial institutions, pharmaceutical and technology. She has represented clients in cases administered by major arbitral institutions, including the ICC, LCIA and SIAC, as well as in U.S. state and federal courts.

She also has extensive experience conducting and coordinating complex internal investigations, and advising clients on regulatory and compliance matters involving the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Career

- Senior Associate (Singapore) 2024 - Present
- Associate, White & Case LLP (Singapore) 2019 - 2023
- Associate, White & Case LLP (Seoul) 2016 - 2019

Education

- J.D., Columbia Law School
- B.A., Swarthmore College

Experience

ARBITRATION & U.S. LITIGATION:

- Represented a major Asian LNG buyer against a group of Australian-based international oil and gas companies in a price review expert determination concerning a long-term LNG contract
- Represented a major LNG buyer in an UNCITRAL LNG pricing arbitration
- Represented a Middle Eastern government in multiple ICC arbitrations arising from FIDIC Red and Yellow Book contracts for constructing catering facilities, IT systems, and infrastructure at its flagship airport
- Represented an Asian private energy producer in a potential multi-million dollar arbitration against a leading manufacturing and electronics conglomerate regarding product liability issues from a defective gas turbine installed in a power plant



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ADMISSIONS & COURTS

– New York

LANGUAGES

– English, Korean

NATIONALITIES

– United States of America
– Republic of Korea

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration
U.S. Litigation
White Collar Investigations

INDUSTRY SECTOR

Oil
Gas
Energy & Resources
Mergers & Acquisition
Construction

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- Represented a Korean engineering and construction company in arbitration claims exceeding US\$1 billion against a major oil company concerning preferential design modifications for offshore development
- Represented a major Asian engineering and construction company in ICC arbitration against the owner of a Southeast Asian hydroelectric plant regarding force majeure claims and additional works outside the contractual scope
- Represented a major Japanese contractor in an arbitration under UNCITRAL rules concerning alleged defects in two coal-fired power plants located in Southeast Asia
- Represented a Korean bank in a multi-million dollar lawsuit in U.S. federal court against a U.S. electronics distributor for fraud and other business tort claims related to trade loans
- Represented a Korean motor company in U.S. state court against a Caribbean distributor, successfully removing the case to federal court and compelling arbitration in Korea

WHITE COLLAR INVESTIGATIONS:

- Advised a global medical device company on its internal investigation of operations in Japan, South Korea, and India concerning inquiries from the SEC regarding alleged FCPA violations and accounting misconduct
- Advised a global insurance company on its internal investigation and risk assessment of operations in Hong Kong, Thailand, and Vietnam from a FCPA perspective in preparation for a U.S. IPO.
- Advised a major Indonesian telecommunications company on its internal investigation into potential criminal conduct by a former senior executive and conducted a regulatory risk assessment concerning related representations made to the Central Bank
- Advised a German automobile manufacturer in connection with its U.S. government-appointed compliance monitorship for subsidiary operations in Singapore, South Korea, and India

Publications

- “May the Force Majeure be with you”, Fuels and Power, Petromin Online, April-June 2021

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