

Jennifer Yoo

— Partner, LL.B. J.D. LL.M.

Professional practice

Jennifer (Eun Kyung) Yoo is a partner at Peter & Kim in Seoul and is dual qualified in Korea and New York.

Jennifer has represented and advised clients on a wide range of international arbitration and cross-border litigation cases. She has acted as counsel in international arbitrations conducted under various institutional rules including those of the ICC, LCIA, SIAC, KCAB, HKIAC, and UNCITRAL. In particular, she has extensive experience in disputes relating to large scale energy, construction and development projects, involving multiple claims, parties, experts and counsel. She also has expertise in international trade and private international law issues. She frequently advises clients on international arbitration procedures, challenges and enforcement of international arbitral awards, and interim measures in respect of arbitration proceedings.

Jennifer received an LL.M. from Harvard Law School in 2022, and her J.D. from Seoul National University in 2015. She is bilingual in Korean and English.

Career

- Partner, Peter & Kim (2023 - Present)
- Seconded, Clifford Chance London (2022 - 2023)
- Senior Associate, Peter & Kim (2019 - 2023)
- Associate, Bae, Kim & Lee LLC, International Arbitration & Litigation Practice Group (2017 - 2019)
- Associate, Lee & Ko, International Arbitration & Litigation Practice Group (2015 - 2017)

Education

- Passed the New York State Bar Exam (2022)
- Harvard Law School (LL.M., 2022)
- Seoul National University Graduate School of Law Ph.D. course completed (2020)
- Passed the Korean Bar Exam (2015)
- Seoul National University Law School (J.D., 2015)
- Yonsei University School of Law (LL.B., 2012)

Representative cases

- Counsel to a Korean EPC contractor against a consortium of Korea's largest construction companies, in an LCIA arbitration seated in London and governed by English law concerning the construction of the first nuclear power plant in the UAE.
- Counsel to a major Korean construction company in an ICC arbitration arising out of a joint venture partnership formed for the development of an international business district in Korea.
- Counsel to a Korean steel manufacturing company in a SIAC arbitration against an Australian company, relating to steel fabrication and delivery works for a large-scale civil construction project in Sydney.



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ADMISSIONS & COURTS

Republic of Korea, 2015 ; New York (US), 2023

LANGUAGES

— Korean, English

NATIONALITIES

— Korean

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration / Litigation

Korean Litigation

Cross-Border Litigation

Project Finance

International Project Contracting

Private International Law

International Trade

Enforcement of Foreign Judgements and Arbitral Awards

Joint Ventures / Consortia

Shareholder Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Construction & Engineering

Energy & Power

Real Estate

Insurance

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- Counsel to a Korean construction company in an ad hoc arbitration concerning a major civil works construction project located in Canada, involving claims for extension of time and additional costs as well as alleged defects.
- Counsel to a Korean nuclear power plant company in a KCAB arbitration concerning defective cables supplied for a nuclear power plant.
- Counsel to a Korean municipal government in an ICC arbitration for a dispute relating to a comprehensive project to develop the land and public waters of a free economic zone.
- Counsel to a private equity firm in a HKIAC arbitration in relation to the alleged invalid termination of a share purchase agreement.
- Counsel to ten insurance companies in an ad hoc arbitration concerning claims for insurance proceeds in connection with the failure of a key equipment in a coal-fired power plant.
- Counsel to the Republic of Korea in an investor-state PCA arbitration conducted under the UNCITRAL Rules filed by Iranian investors, involving issues of provisional attachment proceedings under Korean civil procedure law.
- Counsel to a US nuclear power company against its Korean counterparts in a KCAB arbitration in relation to the interpretation of a Korean law governed licensing agreement concerning nuclear power plant technology.
- Counsel to a Korean construction company in an ICC arbitration against a Turkish company, in relation to the construction of an electric substation in Iraq.
- Regularly advises construction companies on construction-related claims and potential disputes with subcontractors and/or employers.
- Regularly advises clients on international arbitration procedures, challenges and enforcement of international arbitral awards, interim measures in respect of arbitration proceedings.
- Regularly advises the Korean government on issues relating to World Trade Organization (WTO) disputes and other international trade disputes, and investor-state disputes (ISD), etc.

Professional associations

- Korean and Seoul Bar Associations
- New York State Bar Association
- Specialist Mediator, Singapore International Mediation Centre (SIMC)

Publications

- “Regulation of Tobacco Products: Global Trends and Congruity with the International Trade Regime”, Trade Law and Policy Review, Korean Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (Vol. 7), 2024
- Co-author, “Revisiting Optional Arbitration Clauses Before the Korean Courts”, Korean Yearbook of International Law (Vol. 10), 2023
- Co-author, “A Comparative Law Analysis on the Availability of Monetary Damages for Breach of an Arbitration Clause”, Collection of Papers in Tribute to Professor Seok Kwang Hyun (Pakyoungsa), 2022
- Co-author, FIDIC Contracts in Asia Pacific: A Practical Guide to Application – Korea chapter (Informa Law from Routledge), 2021

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- Co-author, GAR Know how: Investment Treaty Arbitration 2016 – South Korea chapter, Global Arbitration Review, 2016

Accolades/Ranking

- Rising Stars 2023: International Arbitration (Legal Times, 2023)
- Winner, Cross-Examination Course Finals: Remote Oral Advocacy Programme (ROAP) Asia (Delos Dispute Resolution, 2024)
- Leading Lawyers 2024: International Arbitration (Legal Times, 2024)

Speaking Engagements

- Panellist, “Arbitration as an Advantage: Strategic Uses of International Arbitration for Business Success” (YSIAC Tokyo Event, Tokyo, November 2024)
- Panellist, “Corruption and dispute resolution: navigating ethical challenges in litigation and arbitration” (International Bar Association Anti-Corruption Committee Asia Conference, Singapore, November 2024)
- Speaker, “Witness Conferencing: The Idea, Methods and Practice” (Peter&Kim, Clifford Chance, WilmerHale joint seminar during Seoul ADR Festival, Seoul, November 2024)

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