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— Senior Partner (Foreign Attorney) B.A. J.D.

Professional practice

John P Bang is a senior partner (foreign attorney) at Peter & Kim in Seoul. He was previously a senior partner at Bae, Kim & Lee LLC, where he worked for 23 years in various roles, including as the co-founder and head of the International Arbitration & Litigation Practice.

John is widely considered to be one of the foremost international disputes practitioners in Asia. In 2024, Chambers noted that John is “*one of the top arbitration practitioners in Korea*” and Who’s Who Legal praised John’s “*excellent oral advocacy*” He has represented parties in over 270 proceedings under the rules of all major institutions and/or ad hoc arbitrations including the ICC, SIAC, HKIAC, ICSID, LCIA, AAA/ICDR, UNCITRAL, VIAC, SCC, ACICA, CIETAC, KCAB, CAS, CIAC and JCAA.

In addition to his experience in arbitration, John regularly supervises and coordinates court litigations in multiple jurisdictions including the US and is widely considered to be an “*expert*” on choice of law and comparative law issues and gathering evidence (discovery) in international proceedings. He also acts as arbitrator and is frequently appointed as co-arbitrator or presiding arbitrator by institutions and users. Prior to his work at BKL, John served as a federal law clerk to the Honourable Kathryn C. Ferguson. Currently, he is a member of the SIAC Court of Arbitration, a vice president of the Korea Council for International Arbitration and a senior officer of the IBA Litigation Committee.

Career

- Federal Law Clerk, The Honourable Kathryn C. Ferguson, USBJ, New Jersey (1996-1997)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, Chinese Arbitration Association (Taipei), etc. (2011-present)
- Board Member, KOCIA (Korea Council for International Arbitration) (2012-present)
- Senior Officer, IBA Litigation Committee (2013-present)
- Member of Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Users’ Council (2015-present)
- Member of London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) Users’ Council (2016-present)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) (2016-present)
- Panel of Arbitrators, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC) (2016-present)
- Executive Committee Member, KOCIA (Korea Council for International Arbitration) (2019-present)
- Court Member, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) (2019-present)
- Committee Member, Seoul International Dispute Resolution Center (SIDRC) (2021-present)
- Vice President, KOCIA (Korea Council for International Arbitration) (2023-present)
- Bae, Kim & Lee LLC (1998-2020)
- Peter & Kim (2021.1-present)



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ADMISSIONS & COURTS

New Jersey, 1997(US) ; New York, 1999(US)

LANGUAGES

– English, Korean

NATIONALITIES

– USA

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration / Litigation
Investments & BITs
Trade law and WTO
Mergers & Acquisitions
US Litigation

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Energy & Power
Oil & Gas
Entertainment & Sports
Construction & Engineering
Shipping

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Education

- University of Pennsylvania (B.A., 1993)
- Temple University School of Law (J.D., 1996)

Representative cases

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

- Counsel for one of the world's largest nuclear power companies in Korea seated arbitration where the amount in dispute is over USD 13 billion dollars.
- Counsel for a Korean construction company in a successful, high-value ICC Arbitration seated in Singapore concerning the development of a USD 35 billion business district project, where the underlying claims were valued at over USD 2.7 billion.
- Counsel in an ICC Arbitration seated in Singapore for a major Korean financial group in an international arbitration in relation to the sale of shares in a major Korean bank related to the Lonestar-ROK treaty arbitration.
- Counsel for the Republic of Korea in an arbitration initiated under the South Korea- Iran BIT being conducted under the ICSID Rules, involving complex questions of res judicata, impact of sanctions on international obligations and conflict of laws.
- Counsel for the Republic of Korea in successful, high-value ICSID arbitration brought by an American investor, where the underlying claims were valued at over USD 5 billion.
- Counsel in a successful, high-profile ICC arbitration involving a dispute among shareholders for control over a major Korean oil refining and marketing company, with the underlying claims valued at over USD 3 billion (or USD 5 billion including counterclaims). The arbitration award won GAR's "Arbitration Win of the Year" in 2011.
- Counsel in a high-value LCIA arbitration seated in London, arising from a dispute regarding the procurement, construction and commissioning of the first nuclear power station in the United Arab Emirates.
- Counsel in an ICSID arbitration based on the Korea – Belgium/Luxembourg BIT, involving multi-billion-dollar claims against the Government of Korea.
- Counsel in a consolidated HKIAC arbitration arising from a post-M&A dispute regarding the sale of shares in a major logistics company between two global private equity firms.
- Counsel in a high-value SIAC Arbitration seated in Singapore for a consortium of Asian companies concerning the development and operation of a major power plant.
- Counsel in an ICC Arbitration seated in Singapore for a major Korean airline in a price review dispute based a long-term catering service agreement.
- Counsel in an investment treaty arbitration filed by Swiss-based elevator maker Schindler against the Government of Korea, over its investment in Hyundai Elevator.
- Counsel to a football club in a dispute at the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) against a player's agent.
- Counsel in an ICC Arbitration seated in Singapore representing Korean shareholders in an international arbitration against an UK company over two share sale and purchase transactions.
- Counsel in an ICC Arbitration seated in Seoul concerning a long-term distribution agreement of gypsum board and other construction material.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore, arising from the construction of a combined cycle power plant in the Middle East.

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- Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore involving a hotel construction project in Northeast Asia.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Korea, arising from the construction of a power plant in Qatar.
- Counsel in a SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore, arising from a dispute regarding the engineering, procurement, and construction of a heavy rail-based urban transit system in Vietnam.
- Counsel to a global real estate developer in an ICC arbitration seated in Korea, arising from a large real estate development project in Korea, and involving issues related to the financing of the project.
- Counsel in an LCIA arbitration seated in London, relating to the engineering and construction of several ultra-deepwater drill ships and a semi-submersible rig.
- Counsel in a SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore, arising from the manufacture and sale of structural steel for use in the construction of a large-scale civil engineering project.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration regarding the payment of royalties for wireless telecommunications technology, in an amount exceeding US 500 million.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore, arising from a post-M&A dispute over the purchase of shares in a hypermarkets chain in China.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration arising from a dispute regarding the alleged unauthorized use of high-value proprietary enterprise resource planning software in breach of contract.
- Counsel in the second ICSID arbitration against the People's Republic of China, relating to a Korean company's investment in the construction of a golf country club and condominiums in the Sheyang-Xian, Jiangsu province.
- Counsel in an ICC-arbitration arising from a dispute regarding the ownership of a highly sophisticated and complex telecommunications device.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration arising from a dispute over the design, marketing and sale of golf club memberships and luxury real estate on a man-made island off the Yellow Sea.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration arising from a dispute regarding the transfer and use of technology between a Korean automobile manufacturer and the largest automobile company in the United States.
- Counsel in an arbitration arising from a dispute between Korea's largest gas corporation and its former joint venture partner (UK listed entity) regarding the development of a gas field in Western Iraq on the Syrian border.
- Counsel in an HKIAC arbitration arising from a post-M&A dispute regarding the sale and purchase of shares between a Hong Kong entity and two Korean venture capital investment funds.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration arising from a dispute regarding a distributorship agreement between one of the world's largest manufacturers of medical products and one of Korea's most prominent publicly-listed pharmaceutical companies.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration between Korea's largest engineering and construction company and a major German membrane roof construction company, regarding a dispute over the roof construction of one of the football stadiums that hosted the 2002 World Cup matches.
- Counsel in an ICC arbitration between one of Korea's largest automobile manufacturers and one of the largest automobile distributors in Oman, regarding a dispute over a distribution agreement.

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- Represented a prestigious Hong Kong-based private equity firm against one of Korea's largest confectionary companies in an ICC-arbitration concerning the sale of a leading chain of convenience stores based in Korea.

US LITIGATION

- Counsel to Korea-based Mirae Asset in relation to the cancelation of a \$5.8 billion acquisition of 15 US luxury hotels from a Chinese insurance company. Defended Mirae Asset, Buyer, in a front of Delaware courts and secured a 100% win for Mirae Asset within 7 months from the commencement of the proceedings.
- Counsel to a major Korean retail company for the purpose of managing and supervising two civil litigation cases in Guam (US territory) brought by the world's largest duty-free operator. The two disputes which relate to the award of a contract for exclusive rights to operate duty free stores at airports in Guam are being litigated at the Guam Superior Court and the Guam Supreme Court.
- Counsel, together with US co-counsel, in defending a financial consortium consisting of Korea's largest insurance companies at the Supreme Court of New York regarding the return of a large deposit in a real estate transaction of a well-known luxury hotel and residence in Midtown Manhattan.
- Counsel, together with US co-counsel, in defending two of the largest financial institutions in Korea in a class action lawsuit in the Southern District of New York involving allegations of securities fraud and seeking damages in excess of USD 600 million.
- Counsel, together with US co-counsel, in defending a well-known Korean kitchen appliance company over allegations of false advertisements at the Central District Court of Los Angeles brought by a leading US luxury kitchen appliance company.
- Counsel, together with US co-counsel, defending a highly skilled Korean engineer in a US litigation in California regarding alleged misappropriation of trade secrets of US cell phone battery manufacturer.

Who's WhoLegal (2024) notes that

« John is a renowned arbitration practitioner who is highly regarded in the market for his impressive cross-examination and advocacy skills. »

Chambers, Asia Pacific (2024)

commends « John for being a very powerful advocate while praising his attention to detail and understanding of complex commercial issues. »

Chambers, Global (2024) recognizes

« John as a market-leading lawyer and thought leader in investment treaty and commercial arbitration. «

AS ARBITRATOR

- Chair of a three-member tribunal in a KCAB international arbitration arising from a dispute regarding the payment of commissions under an agency agreement.
- Co-arbitrator in a HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong, arising out of an Equity and Purchase Agreement from the automobile component industry.
- Co-arbitrator in a SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore, arising out of an insurance claim under a trade credit insurance policy for the sale of steel.
- Co-arbitrator in a HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong arising from a dispute over Payment Facility Agreement and Valuation Funding Agreement.
- Sole arbitrator in a KCAB international arbitration arising from a dispute regarding the sale, shipment and installation of a production system for printed circuit boards in Vietnam.
- Sole arbitrator in a KCAB international arbitration arising from a contract regarding the sale of medical equipment between a Dutch and a Korean company.
- Sole arbitrator in a KCAB international arbitration regarding a dispute over the sale of LED panels and associated equipment.
- Sole arbitrator in a KCAB international arbitration regarding a dispute over the sale and shipment of scrap polymer packaging film.

Publications

- Editor, "Post-Award Interest in the Asia-Pacific", Kluwer International, 2023.

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- Co-author of the “Korea: International Arbitration” chapter in Global Legal Insight Practice Guide, 2023.
- Co-author of Advocacy in Virtual Hearings Chapter in “The Guide to Advocacy - Sixth Edition”, Global Arbitration Review, 2023
- Contributor for Korea in “GAR Know-how – Litigation”, Global Arbitration Review, 2016 – 2023
- Co-author of the Korea chapter in "The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Litigation & Dispute Resolution" 2016 - 2019, Global Legal Group
- Welcome to Seoul: discussion with John Bang on litigating in Korea and visiting the IBA Annual Conference (IBA International Litigation News, 2019)
- Co-author of “Guide to Navigating US Litigation for Korean Companies”, Bae, Kim & Lee LLC, 2016
- Author of the Korea chapter in “Asia-Pacific Arbitration Reporter”, Academy Publishing, 2015, 2017
- Member of the Drafting Committee for the “ICCA Drafting Sourcebook For Logistical Matters in Procedural Orders,” The ICCA Reports No. 2, The Hague, Ridderprint BV, 2015
- Bang, John P., "International Litigation News - Deposing Willing Korean Nationals in Korea for U.S. Litigation," International Bar Association Legal Practice Division Newsletter (May 2014)
- Co-author of the 2013, 2014 and 2015 editions of the practice guide for “Litigation & Dispute Resolution in Korea” for Global Legal Insight
- Author of the “Dispute Resolution Law Guide 2013/14 – Korea” for LexisNexis
- Bang, John P., "International Litigation News - Pre-Trial Procedures and Document Production in Korea," International Bar Association Legal Practice Division Newsletter (Apr. 2013)
- Bang, John P., “Lost in Translation”, Korean Arbitration Review, 2013
- Bang, John P., "The Future of European Union Investment Policy: Navigating Between a High Level of Investment Protection and Increasing Demands for Policy Space - Lessons from the US," in “International Arbitration: The Coming of a New Age?”, ICCA Congress Series No. 17, Alphen Aan Den Rijn, Kluwer Law International, 2013
- Bang, John P., "International Litigation News - Pre-Trial Procedures and Document Production in Korea," International Bar Association Legal Practice Division Newsletter (Apr. 2013)
- Kim, Kap-You, John P. Bang, et al., “Arbitration Law of Korea: Practice and Procedure,” Juris, 2012
- Kim, Kap-You and John P. Bang (eds.), “Arbitration Law and Practice,” Seoul: Pakyongsa, 2012
- Kim, Kap-You (Kevin), and John P. Bang, "Commentary on Using Legal Experts in International Arbitration," in “International Arbitration 2006: Back to Basics?”, ICCA Congress Series No. 13, The Hague, Kluwer Law International, 2007
- Co-author of "Post M&A Disputes in Korea," Asian Legal Business, Issue 6:7, 2006
- Co-author of “BKL Guide to International Arbitration in Korea,” 1st –5th ed.: 2004 – 2014

Accolades/Ranking

- ALB Korea Law Awards : Foreign Lawyer of the Year (2022)
- ALB Korea Law Awards: Dispute Resolution Lawyer of the Year (2019)
- Minister of Justice, Republic of Korea: Commendation for service towards development of international arbitration in Korea (2018)

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- Asialaw Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Awards: Disputes Star of the Year (2016)
- Global Arbitration Review: “45 under 45”, a list of the world’s leading lawyers under 45 (2011)
- Chambers Asia: Band 1 - leading dispute resolution practitioner in Asia (2008-2024)
- Who’s Who Legal - Global Arbitration Review: Leading International Arbitration Practitioner (2007-2024)

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