

Sameer Thakur

— Senior Associate, B.A. LL.B. LL.M.

Professional practice

Sameer Thakur is a senior associate at Peter & Kim's Seoul office. Sameer's experience as Counsel and Tribunal Secretary includes participation in over 15 international arbitrations (both commercial and investor-state) conducted under the auspices of all major arbitral institutions (ICC, ICSID, PCA, HKIAC, SIAC, KCAB, JCAA). He has acted as Counsel in over 10 merits hearings, often as Second Chair, participating in the development of oral openings, closings & cross-examination scripts.

Sameer publishes widely in leading publications on international commercial law and currently serves on the Editorial Board of the ICC Court of Arbitration's India Newsletter. He is also currently a member of the Steering Committee of the Y-IAMC, the young lawyer's organization of one of India's leading arbitral institutions. He recently acted as Associate Editor for "Post-award Interest in the Asia Pacific", a treatise with contributions from some of the world's leading lawyers, and is currently developing the first commentary on the KCAB International Arbitration Rules (to be published by Kluwer).

Sameer is equally comfortable and familiar with common and civil law traditions having studied and practiced law in Korea, Germany, India, and Hong Kong. When in law school, Sameer finished as Runners Up at the Vis (East) Moot in Hong Kong in 2017. He remains involved with the moot acting as coach and arbitrator.

Career

- Peter & Kim, Senior Associate (2025 – Present)
- Peter & Kim, Foreign Attorney (2021 – 2024)
- Bae, Kim & Lee, International Arbitration Team, Foreign Attorney (2020)
- Skadden Arps, Hong Kong (Arbitration & Litigation Practice), Summer Intern (2019)
- Jones Day, Frankfurt (International Arbitration Practice), Winter Associate (2018)
- Bae, Kim & Lee, International Arbitration Practice, Summer Associate (2018)
- Chambers of Darius Khambata, Senior Advocate (Member, SIAC Court) (2017)

Education

- Coulumbia Law Scool (LL.M., 2025)
- BA-LLB (Hons.) NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, India
- Senior Secondary Education : The Air Force School (2015)

Representative cases

- Acting as Counsel for a leading Korean manufacturer of plastic packaging goods in an ICC Arbitration against a British multinational corporation
- Acting as Counsel for a leading retailer of low-cost goods in a JCAA Arbitration against a major Japanese conglomerate where the value in dispute is over 1 billion USD
- Acting as Counsel for a Korean corporation in an investment treaty dispute against a North African state being administered by the PCA
- Acting as Counsel for a Korean corporation in a SIAC Arbitration arising from the development of a thermal power plant in the Philippines



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ADMISSIONS & COURTS

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LANGUAGES

– English, Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi

NATIONALITIES

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Arbitration / Litigation
Investments & BITs
Shareholder Agreements
Joint Venture Agreements
Indian Litigation

INDUSTRY SECTORS

Construction & Engineering
Energy
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Automobile
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- Acting as Counsel for a Chinese corporation in a KCAB Arbitration arising from a supply agreement for the supply of printed circuit boards to one of the largest electronics manufacturers in the world
- Acting as Counsel for a major automotive company in two HKIAC arbitrations arising from the sale of a subsidiary to a Chinese company

Professional associations

- Editor, India Newsletter, Court of Arbitration of the ICC
- Member, Steering Committee, Young-International Arbitration and Mediation Centre

Publications

- *A Guide to KCAB Arbitration*, Forthcoming, Kluwer Law International
- Associate Editor, *Post-Award Interest in the Asia Pacific*, 2023, Kluwer Law International
- *Republic of Korea chapter in Post-Award Interest in the Asia Pacific*, with Mr. Mino Han, Kluwer Law International, 2023
- *Buyer's Obligation to Comply with Payment Regulations under Article 54 of the CISG* Vindobona Journal for International Commercial Law and Arbitration (Edition 21, November 2017)
- *Commencement under the CAM-CCBC Rules: A case for clarity* (Young Arbitration Review (Edition 28, January 2018)
- *Appointment, Independent and Impartiality and Removal of Arbitrators under the BCDR Rules*, as Research Assistant, Volume 4, Issue 2. (BCDR Arbitration Review)
- *Nothing Changes if Nothing Changes: An Introduction to the 2021 ICC Rules of Arbitration* with Mr. Abhinav Bhushan, Kluwer Arbitration Blog (October 27, 2020)

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