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Bar admission : Republic of Korea, 2007;
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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- > Arbitration / Litigation
- > International Transactions

INDUSTRY SECTORS

- > Intellectual Property
- > Mergers & Acquisition
- > Investments & BITs
- > Commercial disputes
- > Energy and Power disputes
- > Real Estate
- > Joint Ventures

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

SeungMin Lee is a partner at Peter & Kim. Ms Lee has represented and provided advocacy for major Korean and International clients in arbitration cases under various institutional rules including that of the ICC, KCAB, SIAC, HKIAC, LCIA and UNCITRAL. Ms Lee is dual-qualified as Korean lawyer and solicitor of England and Wales. She has previously served as the South Korean national representative of the IBA young lawyers' committee, and has served as regional representative for Korea to the LCIA's Young International Arbitration Group.

Ms Lee currently serves as director of international affairs at the Seoul Bar Association; is member of KCAB Next; regional ambassador for Korea to HKIAC's HK45; member of the SIAC Users Council for the South Korea national committee; member of the panel of arbitrators for the Asian International Arbitration Centre; and as a specialist mediator at the Singapore International Mediation Centre.

Ms Lee worked as a registered foreign lawyer at Oon & Bazul LLP in Singapore in 2016 and as counsel to the LCIA Secretariat in 2010. A graduate of Seoul National University and member of the Korean bar, Ms Lee completed an LL.M. at the National University of Singapore in 2016.

RANKING

- > Chambers Asia Pacific 2016 to 2019, selected as a ranked lawyer in the jurisdiction of Korea (International Arbitration, 2016 to 2019)
- > Recognized as "future leader under 45-Partners" by Who's Who Legal (2018-2019)

CAREER

- > Partner, Peter & Kim (2020–present)
- > Partner, Shin & Kim (2016– 2020. 5)
- > Associate, Shin & Kim LLC (2007.2–2015)
- > Registered Foreign Lawyer, Oon & Bazul LLP (Singapore, 2016)
- > Counsel, London Court of International Arbitration (2010)

EDUCATION

- > National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law, LL.M. (2016)
- > Seoul National University, BA (2004) and admitted to Seoul National University Graduate School of Law, Seoul Korea (2004)
- > Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea (2006)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- > Korean and Seoul Bar Associations
- > Admitted to the Roll of Solicitors in England and Wales
- > Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb)

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- > Counsel in two ICC arbitrations seated in Singapore between a Korean online game company and Chinese companies (2017-2020)
- > Counsel in a SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore between a Korean online game company and Chinese companies (2017-2020)

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QUOTES

- > WWL (Future leaders of Arbitration, 2019) says:

The "outstanding" SeungMin Lee is a "rising star in arbitration" and sources state that she "works incredibly hard and provides great law analysis".

- > Counsel in an ICSID case, Lone Star Funds vs. Republic of Korea (2013-2017), and an ICC case, seated in Singapore between an investment company and a Korean bank (2013-2015)
- > Counsel in an ICC case, seated in Singapore, between a research organization and an ocean-floor drilling company (2014-2015), an UNICITRAL case seated in Seoul.
- > Counsel in a dispute between a UK based software company and a Korean broadcast company (2011-2014)
- > Counsel in an ICC case seated in Seoul between a Korean construction company and a vendor of a certain type of steam scrubber technology (2013-2014)
- > Counsel in a SIAC case seated in Singapore between a Korean shipbuilding company and a Singaporean company (2013-2014)
- > Counsel in an HKIAC case seated in Hong Kong between a Chinese company producing mono-silicon ingots and a Korean company producing mono-silicon ingot growers (2012-2014)
- > Counsel in an ICC case seated in Seoul between a multi-national lock manufacturer and a Korean investor (2012-2013)
- > Counsel in an ICC case seated in Paris between a Korean conglomerate and a petroleum company (2008-2011)
- > Counsel in an ICC case seated in Singapore between a Korean confectionary company and a foreign investor (2008-2010)

PUBLICATIONS

- > GAR Know-how Commercial Arbitration 2017-2020: Korea (co-authored)
- > Korea Chapter in Getting the Deal Through –ICSID 2014 (Regional Contributor)
- > "South Korea: Towards a uniform approach to confidentiality in arbitration: a role for the new IBA Rules", Arbitration Newsletter, International Bar Association, April 2012 (Co-authored)
- > Korea Chapter in Getting the Deal Through – Dispute Resolution 2012

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