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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- > Arbitration / Litigation
- > Commercial Contracts
- > M&A
- > Shareholder Disputes

INDUSTRY SECTORS

- > Construction & Engineering
- > Corporate Governance
- > Automotive & Heavy Industry

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

Yunsoo Shin is a well-experienced specialist in international disputes and complex corporate matters. She has acted as counsel in various international arbitration cases conducted under the rules of the ICC, LCIA, HKIAC or KCAB. Her expertise covers a broad range of business transactions and commercial disputes involving M&As, general contract law, share purchase and asset purchase agreements, distribution agreements, construction, automobile manufacturing, OEM contracts, license agreements, among various other subject matters.

Prior to joining Peter & Kim, Shin practiced law at Bae, Kim & Lee LLC, served as a fellow at Harvard Law School Program on Corporate Governance, taught graduate students at Harvard and Wharton, and published journal articles on corporate governance and shareholder disputes in Delaware and Korea. Shin is a graduate of Seoul National University (B.S., LL.B.), the Wharton School (MBA, in finance and business analytics), and Harvard Law School where she earned her doctoral degree (SJD).

CAREER

- > Partner, Peter & Kim (2021. 7. – present)
- > Fellow, Harvard Law School Program on Corporate Governance (2014 – 2020)
- > Academic Fellow, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (2019 – 2020)
- > Associate and Senior Associate, Bae, Kim & Lee LLC (2008 – 2018)
- > Teaching Fellow, Harvard Law School (2017 – 2018)
- > Summer Academic Fellow, Harvard Law School (Summer 2017)
- > Judicial Clerk, Judicial Research & Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea (2006 – 2008)

EDUCATION

- > Harvard Law School (S.J.D., 2020)
- > The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (M.B.A., with honors, 2020)
- > Harvard Law School (LL.M., requirements fulfilled, degree waived, 2014)
- > School of Law, Seoul National University (LL.B., cum laude, 2006)
- > Architectural Engineering, Seoul National University (B.S., summa cum laude, 2003)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- > Korean and Seoul Bar Associations (2008–Present)
- > New York State Bar (2015–Present)
- > Panel of International Arbitrators, KCAB International

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- > 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.

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- > Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Paris involving 30 separate claims arising from a multi-billion-dollar M&A transaction between Korean and American automobile manufacturers.
- > Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Zurich arising from a joint venture in China agreed between Korean and English welding product manufacturers.
- > Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore arising under a distributorship agreement between one of the world's largest manufacturers of medical products and Korea's prominent pharmaceutical companies.
- > Counsel in several ICC arbitrations seated in London and Zurich, under English law and Swiss Law, arising out of a number of power plant and water treatment projects in the Middle East.
- > Counsel in an HKIAC-administered arbitration under the UNCITRAL rules involving a dispute over a sugar by-product purchase agreement between Korean and Chinese companies.
- > Counsel in an ICC arbitration and a subsequent enforcement litigation in Korea resulting from a product recall of a major international brand baby formula.
- > Counsel in the first case known in Korea which used the Dispute Resolution Board under the US Federal Acquisition Regulation, involving a dispute over the relocation of a major US military base.
- > Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Poland regarding a dispute concerning alleged breach of representation and warranties of a private equity firm.
- > Counsel in an ICC arbitration seated in Tokyo over a dispute over a joint venture between Korean and Spanish automobile part manufacturers.
- > Counsel in an ad hoc arbitration in London governed by English law over a dispute concerning delays and defects in the construction of an off-shore oil platform.
- > Advised a municipal government engaged in an ICC arbitration seated in Singapore following an alleged breach of contract for the construction and operation of a rapid light railway.
- > Advised two of the largest Korean financial institutions in their defence in a class action lawsuit in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York.
- > Advised a Korean IT company involved in a Singapore litigation on issues concerning infringe of patent, breach of contract and torts claims.

PUBLICATIONS

- > Author, *Legitimate Business Purpose of Freeze-outs*, 34 KOREAN BUSINESS LAW REVIEW 87-118 (Korean) (2020)
- > Author, *MFW Standard and Business Judgment Rule in Delaware*, 39 KOREAN COMMERCIAL LAW REVIEW 185-218 (Korean) (2020)
- > Author, *Why Did Shareholder Activism Fail in South Korea?*, S.J.D. Dissertation, Harvard Law School (2020)
- > Co-author, *Korea Chapter*, in INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK ON COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION (International Council for Commercial Arbitration, Kluwer, 2012–2016)

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- > Co-author, PRACTICE OF KOREAN COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION, 2nd Ed. (Korean) (Pakyoungsa, 2016)
- > Author, *Breach of Trust: Corporate Governance Enforcement in Korean Criminal Courts*, LL.M. Dissertation, Harvard Law School (2014)
- > Co-author, ARBITRATION LAW OF KOREA: PRACTICE & PROCEDURE (Juris, 2012)
- > Co-drafter, *IBA Rules on the Taking of Evidence in International Arbitration* (Korean) (International Bar Association, 2010)

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