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Sean (Sungwoo) LIM is co-head of the International Dispute Resolution Group at Lee & Ko.

With over 27 years of experience as a litigator and arbitrator in complex multinational disputes, Mr. Lim has been consistently noted as a leading practitioner in the area of dispute resolution by various legal publications including *Legal500 Asia-Pacific*, *Chambers & Partners Asia-Pacific*, *Asialaw Leading Lawyers*, *WHO'S WHO LEGAL*, and *The Guide to the World's Leading Litigation and Product Liability Experts*. He currently serves as an inaugural member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC) Court of Arbitration amidst the 16 most prestigious arbitration practitioners around the world. Recently, he has been selected as a member of the International Advisory Board of the Vienna International Arbitral Centre (VIAC).

Mr. Lim also serves as Vice-President of the Korean Arbitrators Association (KAA), Director of ICC Korea and Vice-President of the Korean Council for International Arbitration (KOCIA). He is a member of the Law Reform Commission for Amendments to the Korean Arbitration Act. As a member of the International Arbitration Committee of the Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB), he also leads the effort to revise the KCAB International Arbitration Rules.

Mr. Lim has extensive experience with high-profile cross-border disputes and has vigorously represented multinational companies such as ExxonMobil, Microsoft and P&G in technology related litigations within Korea. His reputation as a highly efficient litigator together with his deep understanding of the technology gives him an unparalleled edge among practitioners in representing clients' interest in complex multinational disputes.

#### Representative Matters

Successfully acted for a Korean company in the wind power business in a KCAB arbitration involving a claim for KRW 20 billion against a Danish company in relation to defects in wind turbine generators.

Successfully represented a major Korean construction company in an ICC arbitration involving a KRW 40 billion claim against a Luxembourg company related to disputes over Busan New Port Construction.

Obtained a favorable award for a Korean power exchange company in a KCAB arbitration over NEMS (New Energy Management System) against a French company.

Obtained ICDR (AAA) award in favor of a major Korean company in a KRW 100 billion dispute related to an ATM supply contract.

Successfully represented a Korean company in an ICC arbitration related to a dispute over insurance company's stock estimated at KRW 600 billion.

Obtained an ICC award involving a KRW 40 billion claim related to service agreement for dredging and reclamation work.

Successfully represented a Korean public enterprise in a KRW 50 billion ICC arbitration related to a joint venture.

Successfully represented a Korean Electronic Company in an ICC arbitration against an UAE company involving disputes over distributorship agreement.

Successfully represented a Korean company in an ICC arbitration involving trade secret issues in the amount of KRW 80 billion.

Successfully Represented a Korean shipbuilding company in an English ad hoc arbitration related to a breach of warranty claim under a construction contract for a floating offshore transfer platform.

Successfully obtained a judgment for non-infringement of patent on disposable diapers for disputes between Kimberly-Clark Corporation, P&G and LG Household and Health Care Ltd (largest damages case in Korea over patent infringement).

Successfully represented a Korean electronics company in a patent infringement lawsuit against a leading Japanese electronics company over LCD patent (a global patent infringement action).

Obtained a favorable judgment in a patent infringement lawsuit involving disputes between Microsoft and the inventor of software for automatic linguistic switching between Korean and English.



#### Areas of Practices

- International Arbitration & Cross-Border Litigation
- Intellectual Property
- Corporate Governance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Franchise
- Unfair Competition & Trade Secret Protection
- IP Litigation, Enforcement & Dispute Resolution
- IP Transaction

Successfully represented the Chairman and high-ranking officers of Samsung Electronics in a lawsuit involving a KRW 360 billion shareholder derivative action.

### Education

Cornell University Law School – LL.M: 1995  
 Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea: 1989  
 Seoul National University, College of Law – LL.B: 1987

### Work Experience

Lee & Ko: 1989 – Present  
 Perkins Coie, Seattle: 1995-1996  
 Davis Wright Tremaine, Portland: 1995

### Admissions

Admitted to bar: Korea (1989), New York (1996)  
 Admitted to the Korean patent bar (1999)

### Publications

“Upon Discussing Revision of Arbitration Act of Korea,” The Korean Commercial Arbitration Board Magazine (2012) (in Korean Language)  
 “New York Convention: Perspectives for Broader Adoption and Uniform Interpretation in the Asia-Pacific Region,” UNCITRAL-MOJ-KCAB Conference, Seoul (2012)  
 “Arbitration moves to the Asia Pacific,” IBA 3rd Asia Pacific Regional Forum Conference, Kuala Lumpur (2012)  
 Competition Law and Arbitration of Non-competition Covenants: A Comparative Case Study under EU and Korean Law “Procedural Issues (Venue selection, Time & Cost, and Evidence),” VIAC-KCAB Seminar, Seoul (2012)  
 “Mediation in Arbitral Proceedings (Arb-Med): A Korean View,” Korean Arbitration Review, Inaugural Edition (2012)  
 “The Korean Arbitration Act: Overview and Areas of Improvement,” IBA-UNCITRAL Joint Seminar, Seoul (2012)  
 “Arbitration in Korea – An overview- and insight – Crucial tool for cross-border deals,” Interlaw AP Conference, Seoul (2012)  
 “Jurisdiction and Powers of the Arbitral Tribunal,” 2nd International Arbitration Specialist Program, Seoul (2012)  
 “Korean Practice and Procedure – Current Trends and Hot Topics,” Arbitration in Austria and Korea, KCAB-VIAC Seminar, Seoul (2011)  
 “Mediation in Arbitral Proceedings: A Korean View,” 14th Annual IBA International Arbitration Day, Seoul (2011)  
 “Jurisdiction and Powers of the Arbitral Tribunal,” 1st International Arbitration Specialist Program, Seoul (2011)  
 “The International Comparative Legal Guide to: International Arbitration,” Chapter 13: Korea (2010)  
 “Asian Arbitration Practices under the Common Law Jurisdiction,” Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (APRAG) Conference, Seoul (2009)  
 “Comparative Review of the Rules and Practices of the LCIA and KCAB,” A symposium hosted by the LCIA Asia Pacific Users’ Council, the KCAB and the KOCIA, Seoul (2008)

### Languages

English, Japanese, and Korean

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