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Jinhee Kim is Global Practice Chair of Jipyong LLC, one of Korea's premier full-service firms. She also heads the firm's Global Dispute Resolution Practice, specializing in international arbitration and cross-border litigation. She regularly appears as the lead counsel before federal and state courts of the U.S. as well as major arbitral institutions such as the ICC, LCIA, AAA, SIAC, HKIAC, and KCAB. Jinhee has also served as sole arbitrator in a number of KCAB international arbitration proceedings.

Jinhee is recognized by peers as a fierce advocate and a first-rate negotiator. She has defended numerous multi-billion-dollar multi-jurisdiction disputes and settled hundreds of cases over her legal career. She is consistently ranked by Chambers and Legal Times as a leading lawyer in international arbitration and was named Korea's Super 30 Lawyers in 2021 by Asian Legal Business. Her recent advocacy work as first chair include: trade secret dispute and preliminary injunction before the Northern District Court of California; breach of contract action brought by an Israeli pharmaceutical company against a Korean corporation before the Supreme Court of New York; shareholder dispute involving a Korean conglomerate and a European counterpart; and several private investment disputes involving companies in Indonesia, Singapore, Korea, Oman, Saudi Arabia, the CIS countries, and the United States.

Jinhee brings a diverse cultural, organizational, and professional background to the practice of law. She trained as litigator at LeBoeuf Lamb (CA) and Paul Hastings (CA) and worked inhouse at LG Display's Seoul Headquarters before joining Jipyong in 2016. Prior to legal practice, Ms. Kim was a TV journalist and served as an associate expert for the UN Sustainable Development Division.

Education

2005	UC Berkeley School of Law (J.D.)
2000	Seoul National University, Graduate School of International Studies (M.A.)
1995	Seoul National University, School of Social Welfare (B.A.)

Experience

2016-Present	Head of Global Dispute Resolution Practice, JIPYONG LLC
2023-Present	Member, Foreign Legal Consultant Disciplinary Committee
2022-Present	ICC Commission on Arbitration & ADR South Korea Delegate
2022-Present	SIMC Korea Specialist Mediator
2021-Present	Member, Seoul IDRC Steering Committee
2018-Present	Member, KCAB Next Steering Committee
2018-Present	International Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
2009-2016	Lead Litigation Counsel, LG DISPLAY CO. LTD. (Seoul, Korea)
2006-2009	Associate Attorney, PAUL, HASTINGS, JANOFSKY & WALKER, LLP (Orange County, CA)
2005-2006	Associate Attorney, LEBOEUF, LAMB, GREENE & MACRAE, LLP (San Francisco, CA)
1999-2001	Associate Expert, Department of Economic & Social Affairs, UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT (New York, NY)
1996-1999	Reporter / Director, ARIRANG TV (Seoul, Korea)
1995-1996	Producer, KOREAN CHRISTIAN TELEVISION SYSTEM (Seoul, Korea)

Notable Achievements

- Represented a Korean construction and engineering conglomerate in an ICC construction arbitration brought by a multinational subcontractor; claims were voluntarily withdrawn after nearly three years of adversarial proceedings
- Represented a European based US company in a KCAB arbitration based on US-Korea FTA
- Represented a Korean asset management company in a lawsuit against California resident before the Central District Court of California; case was successfully settled after court mediation
- Represented a domestic trading in a successful KCAB arbitration against an Eastern European company
- Represented a domestic medical device manufacturer in a successful HKIAC arbitration against a Chinese importer
- Represented a Korean conglomerate in a contract dispute ICC arbitration against a Taiwanese company
- Represented a domestic bio exporter in a KCAB arbitration against a Nigerian company; obtained recognition and enforcement of the arbitral award in Kenya
- Represented a California corporation in a successful lawsuit against Korean company before the Central District Court of California

Honors and Recognitions



- 2024
 - 2023
 - 2023
 - 2019, 2021-2024
 - 2021
- Chambers Ranked in Asia-Pacific 2024
Chambers Ranked in Asia-Pacific 2023
Chambers Ranked in Asia-Pacific 2022
Chambers Ranked in Asia-Pacific 2021
GAR Academy Fundamentals 2023 Program Contributor
ALB Korean Super 30 Lawyers 2021

Speaking Engagements and Publications



- 2022
 - 2022
 - 2021-2022
 - 2021
 - 2020
 - 2019
 - 2019
- Global Practice Guides: Antitrust Litigation 2022 (Trends and Developments) - South Korea (Chambers and Partners)
Lexology Getting The Deal Through: Dispute Resolution 2022 - South Korea Chapter (Law Business Research)
Cases and Precedents: Vertical Restraints - South Korea (Global Competition Review)
The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides: International Arbitration - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500), Exclusive Contributor
The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides: International Arbitration - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500)
Comparative Legal Guide: International Arbitration (4th edition) - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer)
Where Do International Civil Servants Go for Justice? (Kluwer Arbitration Blog)

News & Activities

- 2019
 - 2019
 - 2019
- Speaker for 2019 IBA Young Lawyers' Committee Training Event "The Fundamentals of International Legal Business Practice"
Legal Times' Special Report on Leading Lawyers 2019 in International Arbitration
JIPYONG LLC's Global Dispute Resolution Practice (Korea Economic Daily)

2019	Speaker at ABA Section of International Law 2019 Annual Conference on "The U.S. Supreme Court Says 'No' to China: Lessons Learned from the Vitamin C Case and the Implications for Cross-Border Litigation"
2018	English Writing and Global Perspective Lecture Series
2017	ABC's of International Dispute Management
2017	Panelist for 2017 Seoul IDRC Seminar on "Dispute Resolution and Governing Law Clause for Companies in Korea"
2016	Jipyong Academy Lecture "In-house Insight" (Jipyong)
2016	Seminars on Foreign Trade Antitrust Improvements Act
2016	Seminars on Defending Antitrust Class and Individual Actions
2016	Jipyong's 9 overseas offices in China and Myanmar, etc. with expertise in construction disputes (Maeil Business Newspaper)

Newsletters

[JIPYONG LLC - Korea Legal Insight]

- [Korean Public Procurement and "Unfair Acts" of Suppliers: Practical Implications of Supreme Court Decision 2024Du32393 \(August 5, 2024\)](#)
- [2023 in Review & 2024 Outlook by Practice Chairs \(Jan. 8, 2024\)](#)
- [Shareholders' Contractual Rights in Korea's Rehabilitation Proceedings \(Dec. 4, 2023\)](#)
- [Voluntary Carbon Market – A New Genre of Cross Border Disputes? \(Sept. 4, 2023\)](#)
- [Recent Trends in Criminal Antitrust Investigations in Korea \(Aug. 8, 2023\)](#)
- [Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Korea and Interplay with the Korean Fair Trade Act \(April 3, 2023\)](#)
- [JIPYONG's 2022 Year in Review \(Jan. 3, 2023\)](#)
- [Is Your Acquisition in Korea Subject to a Business Combination Filing to the KFTC? \(Dec. 5, 2022\)](#)
- [Skyrocketing Material Prices' Impact on Construction Contracts and Impending Amendment to Korean Fair Transactions in Subcontracting Act \(Oct. 4, 2022\)](#)
- [Recent Changes to the Scope of Available Discovery in International Arbitration \(Sept. 5, 2022\)](#)
- [Korea's Amendment to the Act on Private International Law – Highlights and Implications for Cross-border Litigation \(April 4, 2022\)](#)
- [New Year Special: 2022 Prospects for Key Practice Areas \(Jan. 3, 2022\)](#)
- [Amendment of Korea's Telecommunications Business Act – a Digital Shot Heard Around the World? \(Nov. 15, 2021\)](#)
- [Attorney-Client Privilege in Korea – Principle versus Practice \(Sept. 6, 2021\)](#)
- [Korea's Unique Statutory Post-Judgment Interest Regime and Implications on Arbitral Award Enforcement in Korea \(July 5, 2021\)](#)
- [Trends and Prospects of Regulating Online Platforms in Korea \(June 7, 2021\)](#)
- [Dispute Resolution Implications in Use of Labor-Management Agreements \(May 3, 2021\)](#)
- [Jipyong's Social Value Management Showcased on In House Warrior Podcast Hosted by Levick \(March 2, 2021\)](#)
- [New ICC Arbitration Rules in Comparison to KCAB Rules \(Feb. 15, 2021\)](#)
- [Full Amendment of the Fair Trade Act \(Dec. 21, 2020\)](#)

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2019 Foreign Legal Consultant License by Korean Ministry of Justice
2005 California

Languages

English / Korean