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Mr. Gee Hong Kim is a Managing Partner at Jipyong. He is regarded as one of the nation's top experts in competition law and one of the most accomplished professionals among his peers. In April 2020, he received a Presidential Commendation from the Korea Fair Trade Commission for his contributions to Korea's market economy and fair trade practices. Mr. Kim was the first-ever attorney at a major law firm to be awarded the highest commendation.

Mr. Kim is frequently sought after by major corporations to take on the most complex and challenging cases. His most notable successes include representing the KFTC in the dismissal of Qualcomm's objection to one of the KFTC's largest fines in history and clearing Intel's USD 16.7 billion acquisition of Altera before the KFTC.

Mr. Kim is currently a member of Korea Fair Trade Mediation Agency's Legal and Economic Analysis Group (LEG), one of the premier think tanks in Korea on competition and fair trade law. He also serves as a non-governmental advisor to the International Competition Network and Director of the Korean Competition Law Association. Mr. Kim has published numerous academic works relating to competition law and the ICT, some of which have been selected as teaching materials at Seoul National University School of Law (SNU Law). Mr. Kim regularly teaches at SNU Law and is also on the panel of international arbitrators of the Korea Commercial Arbitration Board.

Mr. Kim began his legal education as the top student in his class at Korea's highest ranking university and completed his legal training at the Judicial Research & Training Institute with a President's Award. Mr. Kim has an LL.M. from Columbia Law School and is fluent in English.

Education

2007	Seoul National University, Research Program for Legal Specialists, Corporate Governance Structure
2006	Columbia Law School (LL.M.)
1996	Seoul National University (LL.B., Ranked first in the nation in National College Entrance Exam)

Experience

2001-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2024-Present	Member, Restructuring Advisory Committee, UAMCO
2023-Present	Member, Administrative Appeals Commission, National Assembly
2018-Present	Member, the Steering Committee of SNU Center for Competition Law
2015-Present	Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
2013-Present	Director, Korean Competition Law Association
2007-Present	Member, The Korean Association of Arbitration Studies
2023-2024	Deliberation Member, Corporate Restructuring Plan Review Committee, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
2015-2019	Non-Governmental Advisor, International Competition Network (ICN)
2007	Member, Korean Securities Law Association
2006-2007	International Lawyer, Sidley Austin LLP, New York
1998-2001	Judge Advocate Officer, Korean Air Force
1996-1998	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea (Judicial Research and Training Institute President Award for Academic)

Notable Achievements

- Represented Korea Development Bank and Korea Asset Management Corporation in a lawsuit claiming refund of performance security deposit in the amount of KRW 315 billion with regard to M&A of Daewoo Shipping & Marine Engineering
- Represented R&SA, an English reinsurance company, in a claim for insurance benefit in the amount of KRW 140 billion in connection with an automobile mortgage loan
- Represented Korea Development Bank Asset Management in a dispute involving overseas fund of funds which invested in life insurance policies
- Represented Meritz Fire & Marine Insurance in a dispute involving refund guarantee for a ship building agreement
- Representation in a lawsuit for revocation of mistaken trading of stock index option and foreign currency forward spread
- Represented LS Cable in an ICC arbitration proceedings regarding a bid for nuclear power equipment

- Representation in an arbitration in Singapore between a local government in South Korea and a foreign investor in connection with a cultural content development project
- Represented a Korean investor in a lawsuit in Indonesia related to development of a manganese mine in Indonesia
- Consultation and representation in various cross-border disputes in Japan, Russia, Thailand and Indonesia
- Represented Samsung in a constitutional lawsuit for abuse of market dominance filed by Apple
- Represented the KFTC in a lawsuit for revocation of penalty surcharge of KRW 260 billion for Qualcomm's abuse of market dominance
- Represented Malaysia Airlines in a collusion case where Korean Air and other major airlines were accused of collusion on fuel surcharges
- Represented Samsung Life Insurance in related insurance collusion cases involving group personal accident insurance and retirement insurance, etc.
- Represented KFTC in various antitrust cases including collusion on LPG price, collusion among petrochemical companies and collusion among banks
- Representation in retrials and damages retrials involving fabricated spy rings cases, including the Song family case, and Jindo spy ring case
- Representation in a constitutional action related to the Political Funds Act which prohibits political funding by labor unions
- Representation in a constitutional action related to designation of competing items among SMEs under the Act on Facilitation of Purchase of Small and Medium Enterprise-Manufactured Products and Support for Development of their Markets
- Represented KAMCO on confiscation of Kim Woo-choong's property

Honors and Recognitions



2021-2025	Leading Individual in Competition/Antitrust, Chambers Asia-Pacific
2017, 2019-2025	Leading Lawyer in Antitrust & Competition Practice, Legal Times
2025	Korea's Top Lawyers, Asia Business Law Journal
2020-2024	Leading Lawyer, Asialaw
2017-2025	Leading Lawyer, IFLR
2019-2021	Leading Lawyer in International Arbitration Practice, Legal Times
2020	Presidential Citation Award for Contribution to Fair Trade on the 19th National Fair Trade Day

2019	Litigation Award at the Second Korea Legal Awards
2019	Lawyer of the Year in Antitrust & Competition Practice, Legal Times

Speaking Engagements and Publications



2023	An Examination of the Problems and Proposed Solutions of the Large Business Group Designation System, Journal of Korean Competition Law Vol. 48, Korea Competition Law Association
2022	Global Practice Guides: Antitrust Litigation 2022 (Trends and Developments) - South Korea (Chambers and Partners)
2022	Lexology Getting The Deal Through: Dispute Resolution 2022 - South Korea Chapter (Law Business Research)
2021-2022	Cases and Precedents: Vertical Restraints - South Korea (Global Competition Review)
2021	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides: International Arbitration - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500), Exclusive Contributor
2021	Platform Competition Law (Co-author), Pakyoungsa
2020	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides: International Arbitration - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500)
2020	Ohio v. American Express Co. : Incorporating Two-sided Markets Theory into Competition Law Enforcement, JUSTICE Vol. 176, Korean Society of Law
2019	Comparative Legal Guide: International Arbitration (4th edition) - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer)
2017	Globalization of Competition Law: Issues and Solutions, 2017 Law and Economics Analysis Group Research Report, Korea Fair Trade Mediation Agency
2014	Setting of Technological Standards and FRAND Declaration and Their Implications from Fair Trade Law Perspective, LEG working paper (Korea Fair Trade Mediation Agency)
2013	The Dilemma of False Positive and False Negative Errors, Destiny of Competition Law, JUSTICE Vol. 135, Korean Society of Law
2007	Arbitration Agreement's Binding Effect on Non-Signatory, Journal of Arbitration Studies
2007	Securities Class Action - the Requirement and Procedure, BFL, Center for Financial Law (Seoul National University)

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

1998	Korea
2006	New York

Languages

Korean / English / Japanese