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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

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

# Experience

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| 2001-Present | JIPYONG LLC |
| 2024-Present | Member, Restructuring Advisory Committee, UAMCO |
| 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 |
| 2023-2025 | Member, Administrative Appeals Commission, National Assembly |
| 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 Kore 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

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| 2025 | Korea's Top Lawyers, Asia Business Law Journal |
| 2021-2026 | Leading Individual in Competition/Antitrust, Chambers Asia-Pacific |
| 2020-2026 | Distinguished Practitioner in Competition/antitrust, Asialaw |
| 2020 | Presidential Citation Award for Contribution to Fair Trade on the 19th National Fair Trade Day |
| 2019-2021 | Leading Lawyer in International Arbitration Practice, Legal Times |
| 2019 | Litigation Award at the Second Korea Legal Awards |
| 2019 | Lawyer of the Year in Antitrust & Competition Practice, Legal Times |
| 2017, 2019-2026 | Leading Lawyer in Antitrust & Competition Practice, Legal Times |
| 2017-2026 | Leading Lawyer (Highly Regarded), IFLR1000 |

# Speaking Engagements and Publications














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| 2024 | Review of ‘Reasonable Reasons’ on Request for Information in Agency Transactions - Focusing on the Winia Aid Case, Competition Law Research, Vol. 50, Korea Competition Law Association |
| 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

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| 1998 | Korea |

2006 New York

# Languages

Korean / English / Japanese

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