





► Core Values of **KL PARTNERS**

- ▼ Dedicated client service with a keen understanding of the client's needs and goals
- ▼ Highest quality of service led by hands-on partners from the start to finish
- ▼ Value-added service by lean teams comprised of experts in the relevant fields

About **KL Partners**

KL Partners was founded in 2015 by a team of leading specialists with a common principle of providing services to clients in Korea and abroad based on the highest level of expertise and experience. Since then we have continued to expand and also grow our pool of professionals for even better services to our clients. All of our partners and professionals have been recognized as top-level experts in each field.

We do not seek to be the largest firm in Korea. Rather, our goal is to be the firm of choice for clients facing difficult legal issues in challenging disputes and business dealings. Thus, our firm focuses on establishing long-term relationships with clients based on personalized legal services and hands-on involvement by our partners.

Currently, KL Partners has 26 professionals, from various backgrounds and expertise. The firm is led by Beomsu KIM, Managing Partner, and its practice groups are supervised by Eun Nyung (Ian) LEE. Attorney details can be found at our website (<http://www.klpartners.com/>).



Beomsu Kim

- Managing Partner at KL Partners (2015. 9~present)
- “Band1”, Chambers and Partners AP: Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – South Korea (2018~2020)
- Partner at Shin & Kim (2000~2015)
- Member of ICC International Court of Arbitration (2015.7~present)
- Arbitrator of The Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB),
- Member of KCAB International Arbitration Committee
- Court Judge of Republic of Korea (1988~1997)
- Member of the Korean Bar (1988) and New York Bar (1999)

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Our Services

▼ Focus



We focus on providing solutions to clients for corporate transactions and disputes, with an emphasis on cross-border and international aspects. Our firm seeks a pragmatic approach when providing services to advance the client's needs and endeavors to not only concentrate on legal issues, but also assist in achieving commercially appropriate results.

▼ Corporate M&A

Our professionals have extensive experience in various industry sectors and different types of transactions in addition to general corporate matters. With substantial experience, commercial know-how and ability to find practical solutions, we regularly represent foreign and domestic clients in their most complex transactions and difficult business matters.



▼ Dispute Resolution



Our firm has very strong roots in resolution of international disputes, such as complex international arbitrations, investor-state disputes and cross-border litigations. We pride ourselves of being able to provide clients with not only efficient and effective resolutions, but also a keen understanding of various international aspects that clients have to deal with based on the substantial experience our professionals have accumulated in this field.

Accolades & Media Coverage



Chambers and Partners Leading Firm / Leading Individuals Awards (2017~2020)

Leading Individual in International Arbitration Dispute Resolution:
Beomsu Kim and Eun Nyung (Ian) Lee

Leading Individual in Corporate · M&A : Seong Hoon (Sean) Yi



The Legal 500 Leading Law Firm / Leading Individuals Awards (2017~2020)

Leading Individual in International Arbitration Dispute Resolution:
Beomsu Kim and Eun Nyung (Ian) Lee

Leading Individual in Corporate·M&A : Seong Hoon (Sean) Yi



Boutique Law firm of the Year for Two Consecutive Years (2017, 2018)
Most Prestigious Law Firm Chosen by the In-house counsel (2017)
Awarded Lawyer of the Year and Leading Lawyers (2015~2020)



Top 100 International Arbitration Law Firm (2018~2020)

Selected as one of the Top 100 International Arbitration Law Firm (GAR 100) by GAR (Global Arbitration Review)

Practice Areas

Corporate/M&A

▼ KL Partners

KL Partners advises on a broad range of corporate matters, including M&A, cross-border investments and other transactions.

Our Corporate/M&A Practice Group consists of professionals who have consistently been recognized as “Leading Lawyers” with diverse knowledge and experience regarding corporate governance and transactions. Our firm utilizes commercial know-how and expertise accumulated from transactions in various industries such as financial institutions, manufacturing, distribution and the IT sector to provide the best legal services for M&A, restructuring, and finance related transactions both domestically and internationally.

Seong Hoon (Sean) YI leads the group and has been active in this area since 2000. Our firm is ranked together with the five largest law firms in Korea in the league tables from various major media sources.

<Recent Major Advisory Work>

- Acquisition of Ssangyong Material Corp. by Union Co. (2017)
- Sale of Dongbu Express by KTB PE (2017)
- Acquisition of Ebridge Co. by Highland Equity Partners (2017)
- Sale of Kumho Construction & Engineering (h.k) Co., Ltd. Kumho by Kumho Buslines Co. (2017)
- Acquisition of Kumho Busline Co. by Kumho Holdings (2017)
- Acquisition of WiseUX Global (Imdak) Co. by Credian Partners and Korean Investment Partners (2017)
- Acquisition of Telecommunications Billing Service Division of SK Planet Co., Ltd. by Payletter Inc. (2017)
- The sale of Dongbu Daewoo Electronics on behalf of KTB PE, SBI, and shareholders of Dongbu Daewoo Electronics (2018)
- Acquisition of Donghae Machinery & Aviation on behalf of JKL Partners (2018)
- Acquisition of VCNC on behalf of Socar (2018)
- Acquisition of Gwoonsesang Cosmetic on behalf of Swiss Miebelle Group (2018)
- Sale of Junjin heavy industry Inc. on behalf of KTB PE (2018)
- Acquisition of Hiphoper on behalf of Baba Fashion (2018)

- Sale of Ebridge and Concert on behalf of Highland PE (2018)
- Sale of GS ITM on behalf of shareholders of GS ITM (2018)
- Acquisition of KURI CHUNGKWA on behalf of Four Season Capital and Whale Investment (2019)
- Acquisition of Kumho Construction Hong Kong on behalf of Kumho Group (2019)
- Acquisition of D Automotive on behalf of Dongil Industry (2019)
- Acquisition of HAT Company on behalf of City Storage Systems LLC (2019)
- Sale of Korea Asset Pricing Co. on behalf on Asset Pricing Holdings (2019)
- Advice to Asiana Airlines on issuance of convertibles to KDB/Korea Exim Bank (2019)
- Sale of Asiana Airlines on behalf of Kumho Industrial Co., Ltd. and Asiana Airlines (2019)
- Sale of Look Optics on behalf of Neoplux PEF (2019)
- Acquisition of Zinus, Inc. on behalf of Legend Capital (Ocean Core Limited) (2019)
- Acquisition of Mathpresso on behalf of Idea Core Limited (2019)
- Acquisition of Russel on behalf of SW Investment (2019)
- Acquisition of Samyang Optics on behalf of LK Investment Partners and A2 Partners Pte Ltd (2019)
- Acquisition of TKM on behalf of Korea Kolmar Holdings Co., Ltd. (2019)
- Sale of WITH Innovation Corp. on behalf of JKL Partners (2019)
- Sale of Live Savings Bank (former Sambo Mutual Savings & Finance Co. Ltd.) on behalf of Chunil Express (2019)
- Acquisition of Leferi on behalf of GS Homeshopping (2019)
- Acquisition of SOCAR Mobility Malaysia on behalf of Eugene PE (2019)
- Acquisition of KC Enviro Services on behalf of Infralntiative PEF (2019)
- Acquisition of Sungwon Industry Co., Ltd. on behalf of S-WON P&P (2019)
- Sale of Namyung Vivien corp. on behalf of major shareholders of Namyung Vivien corp. (2019)
- Acquisition of BS Rental on behalf of Cactus PE and Dashin PE (2019)
- Acquisition of UB Care on behalf of Green Cross Corp. (2019)
- Advice to Synaptic Investment's Investment on GC Healthcare Co., Ltd (2019)
- Advice to J& Private Equity's Investment on C&I Leisure Industry (2019)
- Advice to SOCAR on bond issuance to SoftBank Group Corp. (2019)

▼ Core Members for Corporate/M&A



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- Partner at KL Partners (2015.9~present)
- Partner at Shin & Kim (2000.2~2015.10)
- Foreign Legal Consultant at Allens Arthur Robinson (2005.11~ 2006.5)
- Member of the Korean Bar (2000) and New York Bar (2005)



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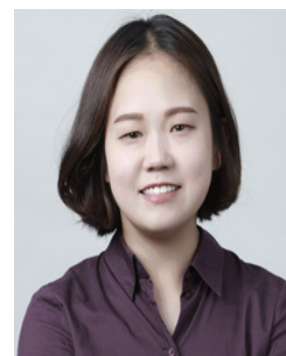
- Partner at KL Partners (2019.1~present)
- Partner at SEUM Law Office (2015.9~2018.6)
- Attorney at Bae Kim & Lee (2009.3~2015.8)
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- Partner at KL Partners (2020.4~present)
- Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, International Economics and Law Adjunct professor (2019.3~present)
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- Chief Operating & Legal Officer at Mango Plate, Ltd(2015.3~2016.2)
- Associate at Kirkland & Ellis LLP, New York Office(2014.2~2015.1)
- Associate at Ropes & Gray LLP, New York Office(2011.1~2014.1)
- Legal Intern at Ropes & Gray LLP, New York Office (2009.5~2009.7)
- Legal Intern at U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission(2008.5~2008.7)
- Banking Analyst JPMorgan Securities, Ltd., Hong Kong/Seoul Office (2005.5~2006.7)
- Member of the New York Bar (2011)

Practice Areas

Dispute Resolution

▼ KL Partners

KL Partners is renowned for handling complex and large-scale international arbitration and cross-border litigation cases for foreign and domestic clients.

In addition to representing a vast range of foreign clients in cross-border litigations, our professionals in our Dispute Resolution Practice Group have extensive experience in ad hoc and institutional arbitrations, such as the KCAB, ICC, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, UNCITRAL, SHIAC, NAI and ZCC. The firm's practice also has a wide exposure as to Investor State Disputes (ISD) under rules such as the ICSID or UNCITRAL.

Dong-Seok (Johan) OH, who has extensive experience in court litigations and international arbitrations, leads the Dispute Resolution Practice Group and our firm is consistently ranked as a one of the foremost players in international dispute resolution in Korea, such as GAR 100.

<Recent Major Representations>

- A Korean game company in a KCAB arbitration against a Chinese game company
- A Vietnamese food company against a Korean food company in a KCAB arbitration, over a franchise agreement dispute
- A Korean developer in a KCAB arbitration against a Korean construction design company
- A Korean PEF against a Chinese financial institution in an ICC arbitration of a post-M&A dispute
- A Korean PEF against a European financial institution in an ICC arbitration of a post-M&A dispute
- A Belgian investment company against a Korean financial institution in an ICC arbitration of a dispute arising from technology transfer agreement
- A Korean shipbuilding company against a German shipbuilding company in an ICC arbitration of a dispute on technology transfer agreement
- A Korean construction company against a U.S. investment company in an ICC arbitration of a joint venture dispute related to real estate development
- A global share-office company in connection with a lease contract dispute resolution under ICC proceedings

- A Korean construction company against the local owner in a supply agreement dispute in connection with a Saudi Arabian construction project, under ICC proceedings
- A Korean construction company against a Vietnamese owner in a dispute arising from foreign SOC construction business, under ICC proceedings
- A Korean game company in relation to intellectual property infringement, against a Southeast Asian game publisher in a SIAC arbitration
- A Korean construction company in a dispute over Indian construction projects, in the arbitration against an Indian owner under the UNCITRAL Rules
- A number of U.S PEFs in the investor-state disputes(ISD) sought against the Korean government
- A Korean healthcare corporation in the SHIAC arbitration and advised on the proceedings of other litigations arising from its joint venture with the Chinese counterparty
- A Belgian investment company in an ISD settlement commenced against the Korean government under the ICSID rules, regarding the sale of a Korean financial institution
- A Korean electronics company in a SIAC arbitration against a Middle Eastern distributor over a distributorship agreement

▼ Core Members for Dispute Resolution



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- Partner at Kim & Chang (2001~2009, 2012~2019.2)
- Arbitrator of The Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC),
- Arbitrator of The Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) (2014~Present)
- General Counsel, Int'l Legal Team, Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. Ltd.(2009~2011)
- Visiting Attorney, ICC International Court of Arbitration in Paris (2007)
- International Lawyer at Shearman & Sterling LLP (2006~2007)
- Judge, Suwon District Court (1999~2001)
- Graduated Judicial Research and Training Institute (1996)
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- Partner at KL Partners (2015.9~present)
- Partner at Shin & Kim (2011~2015 / 2004~2009)
- Legal Counsel at GE Capital Korea (2011)
- International Lawyer at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (2010~2011)
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- Partner at KL Partners (2018.10~present)
- Executive Director/General Counsel of Atinum Partners (2014~2018)
- Arbitrator of Korean Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB) (2018~present)
- Partner at Kim & Chang (2005~2014)
- Foreign Attorney at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP (NY) (2012~2013)
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