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Year of Call

2015 Barrister, Hong Kong

Academic

2013 MPhil, University of Hong Kong
 2013 PCLL, Chinese University of Hong Kong
 2010 LLB, Grey College, University of Durham
 2007 Abingdon School

Practice profile

Kevin Lee's practice covers all aspects of commercial litigation and international arbitration. He has particular experience of advising on, and acting in, disputes involving banking and financial services, company law, competition law, public law, shipping and international trade, insurance and reinsurance, securities regulatory, and conflicts of law.

Examples of notable current and recent instructions include:

- **2018 Asian Games** – representing a Korean national broadcasting company in an international commercial arbitration regarding construction disputes which arose in the aftermath of the 2018 Asian Games, which was held in Indonesia.
- **IDS Holdings Limited Litigation** – acting for the Korean Bankruptcy Trustee appointed by the Seoul Bankruptcy Court in multiple cross-border insolvency proceedings in Hong Kong, including one of the first applications for recognition of foreign bankruptcy trustee in Hong Kong.
- **Woori Bank v World Tec (HK) Company Limited** – acting for Woori Bank Hong Kong in obtaining a judgment against World Tec and an order for payment of US\$ 3.6 million, which sum represented the unpaid principal and interest under two loan facility agreements.
- **Wong Pik Lin v Zurich Assurance Ltd** – acting for the Plaintiff in an insurance claim arising out of Zurich's breach of a contractual clause waiving the payment of premiums upon proof of disability.

Kevin's scope of practice extends to fields including all forms of contractual dispute, commercial injunction, judicial review, telecommunication, intellectual property and professional disciplinary proceedings. He is also frequently instructed in matters involving, among others, employment, chancery, building and construction (including proceedings before the Appeal Tribunal (Buildings)) and has experience handling matters pertaining to civil fraud, global asset-tracing and recovery, defamation, personal injury and professional negligence. As a Korean-born British barrister, Kevin has a unique breadth of expertise and experience in Korean matters, and regularly acts in disputes involving Korean clients, particularly those with an international dimension and where both commercial and criminal elements are present.

Examples of Kevin's current and recent work also include:

- **Appeal Tribunal (Buildings), Case No 113 of 2016** – acting for the Appellant in an appeal against the Building Authority's order to remove unauthorized building works in breach of legitimate expectation of the Appellant.
- **Ng Sau Fung v The Incorporated Owners of Po Wah Court** – representing the Defendant Incorporated Owners in their defence against a fatal accidents claim brought by the administrator of the deceased's estate.
- **Sing Sing Engineering Co Limited v Swee Kheng Building Co Limited** – acting for the Plaintiff in a commercial dispute involving numerous interlocutory applications.
- **Korean International School** – representing the school in a defamation claim and advising the school on other relevant legal issues.

Much of Kevin's work also takes place in domestic and international arbitration and mediation under a wide variety of institutional rules, as well as in ad hoc proceedings. He is also actively accepting instructions in court applications in support of arbitral proceedings.

Kevin is a member of the Companies Law Committee and the Competition Law Committee of the Hong Kong Bar Association. Prior to coming to the Bar, Kevin was at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton (Hong Kong) for three years, where he gained experience in capital market transactions and global mergers and acquisitions.

Kevin is a native English and Korean speaker, and is comfortable working with both local and international clients.

Other

Kevin was formerly the President of Durham University Law Society and a General Editor of the Durham Law Review (the then *Inter Alia*). Kevin also previously served clerkships at Kim & Chang (Seoul, 2008), the Supreme Prosecutor's Office (Seoul, 2008) and the LA District Attorney's Office (Los Angeles, 2007).

He also writes a weekly column on the law for *Weekly Hong Kong*.

Further Interests

Kevin is a member of the panel for the Free Legal Advice Scheme in Hong Kong, through which he provides pro bono legal advice to lay clients in relation to a variety of legal matters. He is also a keen sportsman and an avid chess player. Prior to coming to the Bar, he competed nationally for the Durham University Fencing Club and played chess for Grey College and Abingdon School.