



Ryul Kim, Esq.

Mediator, Arbitrator, Referee



Ryul Kim, Esq. has served as a general civil practitioner, corporate general counsel, and ADR professional since 1984. In addition to handling domestic legal matters, he has handled numerous international legal matters between the United States and Korea. His assistance has helped many U.S. and Korean clients ranging from individuals, companies, and churches in legal disputes valued from a few thousand dollars to multi-millions of dollars.

For five years, Mr. Kim served as Vice President and General Counsel for a large technology company specializing in the production of high-performance computer systems and monitors. During this time, he was responsible for overseeing the company's legal matters, especially in the areas of business and commercial contracts, employment, intellectual property, and real estate.

Mr. Kim is fluent in both English and Korean and has a thorough understanding of the interplay between U.S. and Korean law. He is considered a preeminent scholar on Korean law and is a popular choice for any cases with Korean elements, including Korean parties, legal issues, or business customs which could significantly affect the outcome of a case. He is the current chair of the U.S.-Korea Law Foundation and a former President of the Orange County Korean-American Bar Association.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

- Business & Commercial Contracts
- Employment
- Intellectual Property
- Personal Injury
- Probate, Estates & Trusts
- Real Estate

EDUCATION

Western State University, College of Law – *Juris Doctorate* 1983
University of California, Los Angeles – *Bachelor of Arts in Economics* 1980

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Trinity Law School
Adjunct Professor, “ADR” and “Mediation Clinic” courses 2013-Present
University of California, Irvine, School of Law
Founder and Executive Co-Chair, Korea Law Center 2009-2012
Special Academic Faculty, “Survey of the U.S. and Korean Law and Legal System” and “Jurist-in-Residence” courses 2009-2012

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Korean
Studied Mandarin Chinese and German

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS (FORMER / PRESENT)

U.S. Korea Law Foundation, *Chair*
American Bar Association
American Trial Lawyers Association
California State Bar Association, *Section Executive Committee Member 2001-2002*
California Trial Lawyers Association
Korean American Bar Association
Los Angeles County Bar Association, *Intellectual Property/Entertainment Section*
Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association
Maritime Law Association of the United States
Orange County Amicus Publico
Orange County Bar Association, *Intellectual Property Section, International Law Section*
Orange County Korean-American Bar Association, *President 2005-2006*
Orange County Trial Lawyers Association
Transportation Lawyers Association

AWARDS

Alliance Defense Fund (Honor Guard)	2005
The Wiley Manuel Award for Pro Bono Services	1993
The State Bar of California – Board of Governors Award for Pro Bono Services	1989

PUBLICATIONS

U.S.-Korea Law Journal, <i>Author and Editor-in-Chief</i>	2012, 2013, 2014
Laws of Korea, <i>Author</i>	2013
“Enforcement of U.S. Arbitral Awards in Korea”, U.S.-Korea Law Journal	2012
“Enforcement of Foreign Judgment in Korea”, California State Bar Association	2000

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. Kim is a frequent speaker in both English and Korean on a wide variety of legal topics with U.S. and Korea cross-border implications, including alternative dispute resolution and discovery issues. A few of his topics are listed below:

“Alternative Dispute Resolution in the United States”
“How Much Does Litigation Cost You?”
“Korean Law Practice in the United States”
“Legal Developments Affecting the Conduct of U.S.-Korea Business Transactions”
“Mediation for Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution”
“U.S. vs. Korean Judges”
“Working With Korean Clients: The Nuances to Watch”