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Sy Kim is a partner in the firm's Banking Litigation department. Sy provides strategic business consulting and legal advice to clients, including general counsel services to growing companies. He was previously Special Advisor at Steptoe & Johnson LLP and Chair of the Korea Practice Group at Sheppard Mullin, both international law firms.

Sy has extensive experience in corporate and commercial matters, especially providing legal and business advice to both domestic and international companies with emphasis in acquisitions, franchises, dealerships, and financing transactions. His experience also includes representation of lending institutions in services ranging from real estate transactions to corporate issues. He serves as counsel to a variety of clients in the apparel, footwear, shipping, electronics, telecommunications, and heavy equipment industries, assisting on complex licensing, marketing, distribution, and manufacturing issues. Sy also serves as litigation counsel for many of these companies, including international companies in matters ranging from commercial litigation matters to product liability. He has helped numerous international companies establish a presence in the United States.

In the entertainment and media industry, Sy represents clients in various licensing opportunities, especially in Asia, through joint venture and strategic partnerships with local real estate developers. He provides counsel on artist representation and content distribution deals.

Areas of Concentration:

- Hotel Development
- Apparel
- Footwear

- Franchise
- Heavy Equipment
- Maritime
- Transportation

Practices

- Corporate
- Trusts and Estates
- Banking and Financial Services Litigation
- Bankruptcy and Creditors' Rights
- Commercial Contracts
- Commercial Real Estate Leasing
- Franchise and Distributorships
- Real Estate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Not-for-Profit and Religious Organizations

Industries

- Business Reorganization and Financial Restructuring
- Financial Institutions

Bar Admissions

- New Jersey
- New York
- U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey
- U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

Education

- J.D., American University Washington College of Law, 1990
- B.A., Philosophy, Brandeis University, 1987

Representative Experience

- Represented a major Asian company in the acquisition of interests in broadcast satellites
- Represented a major wire manufacturer on products liability issues in Alabama

- Represented a US company in its licensing of technology in establishing a lottery gaming system in Korea
- Represented a US company in establishing a gaming system at various race track facilities
- Represented a major international company in the sale of its real estate holdings in the Northeast
- Negotiated, structured, and completed first ever acquisition of a major US hospital (Queen of Angels, West Hollywood, CA) by a Korea-based hospital
- Represented music executives in establishing a new record label in Brooklyn, New York
- Represented recording artists on various distribution deals, real estate, contracts
- Represented an Asian company in the US\$ 150 million asset purchase of wire manufacturing facilities in the U.S.
- Represented an activist fund in acquiring shares of a major publicly-traded Korean company
- Represented a Korean real estate developer in the joint development of a theme park and resort in Korea with a major U.S. motion picture studio
- Represented a Korean multinational corporation in several US\$100 million asset-backed securitization matters
- Represented former President of Korea in tort claims case in Washington D.C.
- Represented client in civil fraud action in St. Croix and criminal investigation by the US Attorney General's Office in ancillary default and fraud claims under SBA loans
- Represented a multinational corporation in arbitration proceedings involving the termination of an electronics distributor in Colombia, South America
- Represented a Korean semiconductor manufacturer against a French telecommunications company in a major products liability action
- Represented a Korean government agency in criminal investigations in Ohio

Professional and Community Activities

- Visiting Professor, Sungkyunkwan University Law School, 2009-2013
- Adjunct Graduate Professor, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 2015-2017

Honors and Awards

- One of the first Korean-American judges in the United States, appointed as New Jersey municipal court judge, 1999
- Vice Chair, New Jersey Asian American Commission, appointed by New Jersey Governor, 2002