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# ASIA SUPER 50 DISPUTES LAWYERS

In its second annual list, ALB unveils outstanding disputes lawyers in the region when it comes to client service. These lawyers were selected based on client recommendations sent directly to ALB.

The list is in alphabetical order, and some lawyers have been profiled.

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active practice in complex litigation and international arbitration.

Many of her matters involve SIAC and ICC arbitrations as well as arbitration-related court proceedings. She has particular experience and interest in dealing with multi-lingual proceedings and has conducted a bilingual international arbitration under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules.

Among her most noteworthy cases as lead counsel, Foo is representing a BVI company wholly owned by the Chairman of a leading Chinese menswear designer brand on a \$26 million claim in litigation involving complex issues of trusts, knowing receipt, dishonest assistance, equitable remedies, breach of contract, and banker/custodian-customer duties etc. She also represents clients in arbitration matters involving infrastructure, oil and gas and media rights disputes, among others.

She successfully represented a group of Indonesian companies in the landmark Singapore Court of Appeal decision in PT Perusahaan Gas Negara (Persero) TBK v CRW Joint Operation [2015] SGCA 30. The case was closely watched internationally, and the decision took runner-up position for "Most important published decision of the past year" at the prestigious GAR Awards 2016.

"She is strategic and sensible in her advice, and is upfront about which courses of action are likely to result in useful outcomes. There is a real feeling that she's on your side, and will not bring you into battles that aren't in your interests to fight," says a client. ALB

## KAP-YOU (KEVIN) KIM

senior partner, Peter & Kim



Kap-You (Kevin) Kim, is one of the most renowned international arbitration practitioners in Korea and has been involved in some of the biggest and most

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### TEJAS KARIA

Shardul Amarchand  
Mangaldas & Co, India

### KEVIN KIM

Peter & Kim, Korea

### SAE YOUN KIM

Kim & Chang, Korea

### RAKESH KIRPALANI

Drew & Napier, Singapore

### LEONG KAH WAH

Rajah & Tann Singapore,  
Singapore

### SAKCHAI LIMSIRIPOTHONG

Weerawong Chinnavat &  
Partners, Thailand

### DHRUV MALIK

Juris Corp, India

### ADAM MANIAM

Drew & Napier, Singapore

### DHIRAJ MHETRE

Khaitan Legal Associates,  
India

### CHAKRAPANI MISRA

Khaitan & Co, India

complex disputes in the region for close to two decades.

In 2021, a year after founding Peter & Kim, Kim led a counsel team that successfully represented Mirae Asset and its affiliates in a US litigation arising from the termination of a \$5.8 billion transaction. The decision by the Delaware Supreme Court is widely considered to be a landmark due to its relevance to disputes involving COVID-19.

Among other prominent engagements, he continues to represent the Republic of Korea as lead counsel in two separate investment arbitrations, including the one brought by Lone Star Funds in an ICSID arbitration, where the amount in dispute is close to \$5 billion.

Over the past 30 years, Kim has acted as counsel, presiding arbitrator, co-arbitrator, or sole arbitrator in more than 300 cases of international arbitrations under various arbitration rules. His track record as an advocate in international arbitrations is representative of his market-leading reputation and includes prominent victories like the successful representation of Hyundai Heavy Industries in a \$2.5 billion victory against an Abu-Dhabi state-run investment company.

Kim has served as the vice president of the ICC International Court of Arbitration (2014 – 2021), secretary-general of ICCA (2010 – 2014), member of the LCIA Court (2007 – 2012) and vice-chair of the IBA Arbitration Committee (2008 – 2010).

"Mr. Kim is able to cut through the complexity and find the best solution to move forward," says a client. ALB

### RAKESH KIRPALANI

director, dispute resolution &  
information technology,  
Drew & Napier



As the chief technology officer of Drew & Napier, Kirpalani has combined his expertise in technology with his background in commercial dispute resolution