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John Rhie is Managing Partner of Quinn Emanuel's Hong Kong office and the Head of the International Arbitration practice in Asia. He specializes in international commercial and investment treaty arbitration and has acted as counsel in arbitrations under most arbitral institutions such as the ICC, ICSID, HKIAC, KCAB, LCIA, SIAC as well as *ad hoc* arbitrations around the world.

John is recognized as a leading expert in the field of international arbitration and is ranked by all major legal publications. *Legal 500* says that "the 'highly sought after' John Rhie is 'brilliant and lucid'" (2013). *Chambers and Partners* says that "Clients benefit from his strong international background and add that he is 'very astute and commercially savvy'". John is rated as a leading practitioner in *Who's Who Legal* (2014) and in 2011 John was chosen as one of the "Hot 100" figures in the Asian legal industry by *Asian Legal Business* and was the youngest practitioner to be named in *Global Arbitration Review's* "45 under 45" leading arbitration practitioners.

John is an adjunct professor at Seoul National University and at the Korean Supreme Court's Judicial Research and Training Institute. Prior to joining the firm, John was a partner in the Seoul office of Kim & Chang.

REPRESENTATIVE CLIENTS

Bombardier Transportation Inc.
Doosan Heavy Industries
Formula One Administration Ltd.
Hyosung Group
LSF-KDIC Investment Company, Ltd.
Samsung Heavy Industries
Seha Corporation
Ultimate Fighting Championship

NOTABLE REPRESENTATIONS

Represented an international consortium led by Bombardier Transportation, Inc. and Daelim Construction against a Korean municipal government in an ICC arbitration governed by Korean law with the arbitration seated in Seoul. This was the largest PPP dispute arising out of Korea and the consortium was awarded over \$750 million dollars in two arbitration proceedings concluded within 18 months of filing the Request for Arbitration.

Represented a leading U.S. private equity fund in an ICC arbitration governed by Bermuda law with the arbitration seat in Tokyo against a Korean government affiliated commercial entity regarding a joint venture and shareholders dispute.

Represented an online gaming company in an ICC arbitration seated in Hong Kong and governed by Hong Kong law in a technology license dispute.

Represented a Japanese electronics company in an ICC arbitration governed by Japanese law and seated in Tokyo for patent infringement claims

Represented a major construction company in an ICC arbitration governed by UAE law with the seat in London in a dispute arising from a construction project in the Middle East.

Represented a major private equity fund in an ICC arbitration governed by English law with the seat of arbitration in London involving a \$1 billion post M&A dispute.

Represented a multinational construction company in an ICC arbitration governed by Swiss law with the arbitration seated in Switzerland in a dispute arising from a joint venture agreement

Represented a Korean heavy industry company in an ICC arbitration governed by English law and seated in London in a dispute arising out of the construction of power and desalination plants.

Defended a U.S. private equity fund in an ICC arbitration governed by Korean law and seated in Singapore arising out of the acquisition of shares of a major financial institution.

Represented a Singapore corporation in an ICC arbitration governed by Singapore law with the seat in Hong Kong for breach of a stock purchase agreement.

Represented a Swiss manufacturing company in an ICC arbitration governed by Swiss law and seated in Zurich regarding the enforceability of the force majeure clause.

Represented a major engine manufacturer in an ICC arbitration governed by English law with the seat of arbitration in London involving a long term supply agreement.

Represented a leading construction company in an ICC arbitration governed by Swiss law with the arbitration seat in Zurich regarding the termination of a supply agreement.

Represented an international construction company in a SIAC arbitration governed by Korean law with the seat of arbitration in Singapore relating to a multi-million dollar joint venture dispute.

Represented a major private equity fund in a SIAC arbitration governed by Singapore law with the seat of arbitration in Singapore in a dispute involving a \$1 billion post M&A dispute.

Represented a major sports management company in a HKIAC arbitration governed by Hong Kong law and seated in Hong Kong in a dispute arising from representation of multiple sports teams and sponsorship agreements.

Represented a Korean solar energy company in a KCAB arbitration governed by Korean law and seated in Seoul regarding a technology license dispute.

Represented a Korean shipbuilding company in a KCAB arbitration governed by Korean law and seated in Busan regarding a dispute with its main sub-contractor.

Represented a leading Asian manufacturing company in a LCIA arbitration governed by English law and seated in London in a dispute arising from an agency agreement.

Represented a major oil company in a LCIA arbitration governed by English law with the arbitration seat in London relating to a dispute arising under a partnership agreement.

Represented a U.S. pharmaceutical company in a LCIA arbitration governed by Maine law and seated in London for a breach of contract and negligence claims.

Representing a U.S. construction company in multiple LCIA arbitration governed by English law with the arbitration seated in London.

Represented a major Korean shipbuilding company in a LCIA arbitration governed by English law with the seat in London for a breach of eight shipbuilding contracts and relevant guarantees.

Represented a Korean company manufacturing drill rig parts in an ICDR arbitration governed by Texas law with the arbitration seat in Texas for breach of multiple contracts and allegations of fraud..

Represented a major shipbuilding company in a LMAA arbitration governed by English law with the arbitration seated in London regarding consequential loss issues.

Represented UAB Arvi and UAB Sanitex in an ICSID arbitration against the Republic of Serbia for claim of damages following the termination of a share purchase agreement.

Represented an international financial institution in an UNCITRAL arbitration governed by Czech law with the arbitration seat in London relating to a shareholders' dispute.

Represented a major Korean construction company against a North African sovereign government in an *ad hoc* arbitration claiming unfair treatment and expropriation of several housing construction projects in the North African region.

Represented an Eastern European multi-national company in an *ad hoc* investment treaty arbitration against another Eastern European sovereign state.

Represented a tech company in an *ad hoc* arbitration governed by Hong Kong law with the seat in Hong Kong for breach of the patent purchase agreement.

Represented a major European engineering company in an *ad hoc* arbitration with the seat of arbitration in London relating to a cable construction project.

Represented a leading parts manufacturer in an *ad hoc* arbitration governed by English law with the arbitration seat in London concerning wrongful termination in a joint venture dispute.

Represented a major construction and engineering company in an *ad hoc* arbitration seated in Singapore against an Indian government affiliated petrochemical company related to the payment of performance bonds.

Represented a major Korean shipbuilding company in an *ad hoc* arbitration seated in Hong Kong in a dispute relating to claims for damages and indemnification.

Represented an international trading company in an *ad hoc* arbitration with the seat of arbitration in Hong Kong for breach of contract.

EDUCATION

School of International Arbitration, London University
(PDip., 2008)

College of Law, London
(CPE and LPC, 2000)

St. Catherine's College, Oxford University
(B.A., 1998; M.A. (Oxon), 2004)

AWARDS

Leading Commercial Arbitration Expert
– *The International Who's Who of Commercial Arbitration, Global Arbitration Review* 2014

Ranked Individual – Dispute Resolution: Arbitration (South Korea)
"stellar quality, both in advocacy and in written pleadings and submissions"
– *Chambers Asia*, 2013

Ranked Individual – Arbitration (International)
"very astute and commercially savvy"
– *Chambers Asia*, 2013

Leading individual – Dispute Resolution (South Korea)
"brilliant and lucid"
– *Asia Pacific Legal 500*, 2012

Leading Practitioner – International Arbitration (South Korea)
– *Who's Who Legal*, 2012

Youngest member of the "45 Under 45" leading figures in international arbitration
– *Global Arbitration Review*, 2011

Chosen as one of the "Hot 100" figures in the Asian legal industry
– *Asian Legal Business*, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Korean Chapter of *World Arbitration Reporter* 2nd edition, 2010
Article on the "Singapore International Arbitration Centre" in *Getting the Deal Through*, 2011

PRIOR ASSOCIATIONS

Kim & Chang:
Partner, 2010-2013

McDermott Will & Emery UK LLP:
Senior Associate, 2005-2010

Herbert Smith:
Trainee and Associate, 2001-2005

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Committee Member, Seoul International Dispute Resolution Center
Asia Representative, Young International Arbitration Group
Member, London Court of International Arbitration
Member, International Council for International Arbitration
Member, Korean Council for International Arbitration
Adjunct Professor, Seoul National University
Adjunct Professor, Korean Supreme Court's Judicial Research and Training Institute
ITA Board of Reporters

ADMISSIONS

Admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales

LANGUAGES

English
Korean