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Robin Baik focuses his practice on international judgment enforcement and asset recovery matters, including those relating to insolvency proceedings and involving fraudulent schemes to hide and embezzle misappropriated assets. His experience in this area includes representing clients such as sovereign entities, energy and technology companies and financial institutions.

Mr. Baik also has experience in white-collar criminal defense and regulatory enforcement matters, with a particular focus on representing Korean and other Asia-based corporations and individuals in cross-border disputes. He regularly advises clients facing investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and the Financial Conduct Authority with regards to corruption/the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, forex and tax violations, among others.

Before joining Kobre & Kim, Mr. Baik practiced at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, where he focused on U.S. bankruptcy proceedings and U.S. federal tax issues for various U.S.- and Korea-based clients.

Admissions

- Foreign Legal Consultant, South Korea
- New York

Education

- University of Michigan Law School, JD
- Seoul National University School of Law, LLB

Languages

- Korean

Accolades

Who's Who Legal, Asset Recovery

Select Engagements

Government Enforcement Defense

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- Representation of Asia-based electric utility company in responding to an inquiry by the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) regarding possible Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) violation.
- Representation of a Korea-based officer at a major U.S. investment bank in addressing issues arising from an internal investigation and related U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation regarding alleged violations of the FCPA due to the bank's hiring practices in Asia.
- Representation of several Asia-based traders at a large multinational investment bank in response to an investigation conducted by the DOJ, SEC and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in relation to a forex investigation.
- Representation of the CEO of a technology company in Korea in assisting client to respond to an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) investigation into possible identity theft committed using applications developed by the company.
- Representation of a former senior executive of a nutritional product manufacturer and distributor during an internal investigation into potential FCPA violations in China.

International Judgment Enforcement & Offshore Asset Recovery

- Representation of the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) as a plaintiff in litigation in the U.S. courts regarding recovery of the assets of Yoo Byung Eun, the former owner of the ferry company involved in the Sewol disaster.
- Representation of an Asia-Pacific sovereign entity in enforcing judgments of US \$120 million+ against assets and defendants in multiple jurisdictions in the U.S., the Caribbean and Asia.
- Representation of an international transportation company in pursuing global asset recovery of US \$36 million+ arising out of an embezzlement scheme perpetrated by former employee in Asia.
- Representation of DuPont in enforcing a US \$920 million judgment against Kolon Industries, a South Korean conglomerate operating in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Insolvency & Debtor-Creditor Disputes

- Representation of a multinational telecommunication company in its Chapter 11 proceeding.
- Representation of several creditors in bankruptcy proceeding of Lehman Brothers.

Cross-Border Commercial Disputes

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- Representative of the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) as a plaintiff in the US court action on the asset recovery of Yoo Byung-sun, former owner of Perry Corporation related to Seowall.
- In response to a dispute over the operation of trade partners across Asia, including Hong Kong and India
- Representation of an Asian-Pacific government agency in enforcing judgments of more than US \$120 million against assets and defendants in multiple jurisdictions in the US, Caribbean and Asia.
- Obtained a US \$30 million payment award on behalf of Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. against the US Airway against the financial regulatory arbitration held in New York in connection with breach of securities laws and brokerage obligations.
- Representation of an international transportation company seeking a global asset recovery of more than US \$36 million, stemming from a fraud committed by a former employee in Asia.
- Representation of DuPont in enforcing a US \$920 million judgment against Kolon, a Korean conglomerate operating in the U.S., Europe and Asia.
- Procure a multinational carrier in the process of Chapter 11.
- A large number of creditors in the bankruptcy proceedings of Lehman Brothers.
- Representation of a U.S.-based quantitative trading services company against alleged manipulators regarding a sale made in Korea.

Professional & Community Involvement

- Korea University Law School, Adjunct Professor

Publications & Presentations

- Co-author, "Asset Recovery – Korea 2021" (*Getting the Deal Through*, 2020)
- Co-author, "The Asset Tracing and Recovery Review: Korea 2021" (*The Law Reviews* 2020)
- Co-author, "GIR Know-How: Securities & Related Investigations 2021" (*Global Investigations Review*, 2020)
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- Co-author, "GIR Know-How: Securities & Related Investigations 2019" (*Global Investigations Review*, 2018)
- Co-author, "Securities & Related Investigations" (*Global Investigations Review*, September 2016)
- Co-author, "Asset Recovery – Korea" (*Getting the Deal Through*, 2016)

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- Author, "Substantive Consolidation in U.S. Bankruptcy Court - A Case Study of Lehman Brothers' Bankruptcy Proceeding" (*SungKyunKwan Law Review*, 2012)