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Daniel Wonzo Lee is a partner of DLA Piper LLP (US) and Country Managing Partner of Korea. Voted as one of the "Top 100 lawyers in Korea" by the Asia Business Law Journal in 2018, Daniel has more than 30 years of experience at major law firms in Los Angeles, Honolulu, Tokyo and Seoul.

Widely renowned in the Korean legal community, Daniel's practice covers wide-range of complex cross-border mergers and acquisitions, international joint ventures, foreign direct investments in addition to international arbitration. Daniel has significant IT Technology, FCPA, compliance and forensics experience stemming from his 8-year in-house experience as General Counsel/Vice President at IBM Korea. His noteworthy legal record includes his role as the lead counsel for the Korea's largest automobile manufacture and many suppliers to establish automobile assembly plants in US and Brazil, among many other greenfield projects in foreign jurisdictions.

Daniel is a recipient of the "Asian Counsel Deal of the Year 2009" award for eBay's acquisition of Gmarket in Korea. In 2014, Chambers Asia recognized Daniel as Band 1 leading individual in Corporate/M&A: International Firms. Daniel is also recognized as an "Eminent Practitioner" for Dispute Resolution in the Chambers Asia Pacific 2018 and 2019 Rankings.

Under Daniel's management, DLA Piper Seoul Office was awarded as the winner of "Foreign Law Firm of the Year" and "Overseas Practice Law Firm of the Year" by Asian Legal Business Korea Law Awards 2014 sponsored by Thomson Reuters.

Daniel is the founding President of the In-house Counsel Forum in Korea, serving as its first President from 1998 to 2002 which has amassed over 1,800 in-house counsel members since its establishment. He is also the Founding President of the Foreign Law Firm Association in Korea which was established to widen the legal market opening in Korea and served as its first President from 2014 to 2015.

Clients note that Daniel is "customer-oriented and very conscious of ensuring that his clients get immediate service." "Daniel is known to have extensive litigation experience and he always makes sure the strategy and direction of the litigation goes in the best interest of the client." Daniel was a key member of the US arbitration team which brought a major victory for a leading Korean E&C company in 2017 in an US arbitration with a claim over USD1 billion.

RELATED SERVICES

- International Arbitration

**LANGUAGES
SPOKEN**

English Korean

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- Korean

CREDENTIALS

Admissions

- California
- District of Columbia
- Hawaii

Professional Qualifications

- Attorney-at-law admitted with the State Bar of Hawaii
- Attorney-at-law admitted with the State Bar of California
- Attorney-at-law admitted with the District of Columbia Bar

Education

- University of San Francisco School of Law in California, J.D.
- Michigan State University in Michigan, M.A.
- Yonsei University, B.A.

Courts

- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit
- United States District Court for the Central District of California
- United States District Court for the District of Hawaii

Memberships

- California Bar Association, USA
- Hawaii Bar Association, USA
- Washington, DC Bar Association, USA
- Korean Bar Association (Registered Foreign Legal Consultant)
- Japan Bar Association (former 'gaikokuho jimu bengoshi')

Professional Affiliations

- Committee Member for Korean Bar Association International Relations Committee (2013 - present)
- Director of the International Association of Korean Lawyers (2017 - present)
- Founder/President of the In-house Counsel Forum in Korea (1998 - 2002)
- Founder/President of the Foreign Law Firm Association in Korea (2014 - 2016)
- Commission Member, Foreign Legal Consultant Disciplinary Commission, Korean Bar Association (2020.3 - 2022.2)

INSIGHTS

Publications

Asia Pacific Arbitration Roundup 2019

12 March 2020

Welcome to the first edition of our new Asia-Pac Arbitration Roundup.

Events

- Korea Association of CFOs: "The US e-Discovery Rules: Risk management for Korean Corporations"
- In-house Counsel Forum: "US e-Discovery & Litigation Risk Management for Koran Corporations"
- KOTRA: "New US Investment Strategy for Korean Corporations under the Obama Administration"
- Korean Land Corporation: "Foreign Direct Investment Workshop"
- Institute of Global Management: "Special Seminar for Overseas M&A"

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Hyundai/KIA Motors on its EUR100m investment in electric vehicles company Arrival SARL

17 January 2020

DLA Piper's Emerging Growth and Venture Capital team has advised leading car manufacturer Hyundai/KIA Motors on its EUR100 million, Series A investment in Arrival SARL, a Luxembourg-based company focused on creating and designing state-of-the-art electric vehicles.
