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Ms. Kim is senior counsel and has been elected to join to the partnership effective October 1, 2008. Ms. Kim's practice focuses on litigating patent cases and counseling clients for obtaining, licensing and enforcing patents in various technology areas including pharmaceutical, biotechnology, chemical, electronics and mechanical areas.

Ms. Kim has a broad range of experience in patent matters both in the United States and Korea. Ms. Kim has an extensive experience in patent litigation including Hatch-Waxman litigation, both in district courts and the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Ms. Kim litigated on behalf of Mylan Pharmaceuticals, Rexall, Inc., Nature's Bounty and LG Electronics. Ms. Kim has also handled a number of alternative dispute resolution cases including arbitration cases before the American Arbitration Association (AAA).

Ms. Kim's practice also includes counseling clients for maximizing licensing revenue from patented and patentable technologies. For example, Ms. Kim successfully represented biotech companies in licensing out patents to various companies throughout the world including in Japan, Europe and the United States with a significant amount of upfront fees and favorable running royalties. Ms. Kim is also counseling various clients in pharmaceutical, biotechnology, chemical, biomedical and electronic areas for strategic exploitation of their patents and for development of effective defenses against infringement allegations. Ms. Kim has served clients in various technical areas by developing effective and successful pre-litigation strategies, which has resulted in early resolution of patent-related issues or actual disputes. Ms. Kim has also represented clients in a broad range of due diligence associated with merger and acquisition and has provided written opinions to evaluate freedom-to-operate, invalidity and/or infringement issues in the technical field of pharmaceuticals, genetic engineering, molecular biology, monoclonal antibodies, cancer treatments, and protein production in plants. Ms. Kim has also prosecuted in the areas of pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, chemicals, polymers, medical devices, food, nutraceuticals and electronics for world wide protection of clients' technologies.

Before practicing in the U.S., as a senior Korean patent attorney at a general law firm in Korea for more than seven years, Ms. Kim worked extensively on patent infringement litigation cases brought by major U.S., Japan and European pharmaceutical, chemical and biotech companies including Astra Zeneca, Nissan Chemical and Merck. Ms. Kim also prosecuted various patent applications for U.S., Japan and European companies.

Ms. Kim's educational background includes a B.S. in pharmacy from Seoul National University (1989), an M.S. in international law from Sung Kyun Kwan University (1998), and an LL.M. in intellectual property from George Washington University School of Law (1999). Ms. Kim is a member of the Bar of the State of New York and the Bar of the District of Columbia. Ms. Kim is registered to practice before the Korean Intellectual Property Office and passed the U.S. Patent Bar Examination. Ms. Kim is also a licensed pharmacist in Korea.

Ms. Kim is a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the District of Columbia Bar Association, American Intellectual Property Law Association, and the Korean-American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association ("KAIPLA").

Ms. Kim regularly speaks to intellectual property organizations, Korea Health Industry Development Institute and pharmaceutical associations.

Areas of Concentration:

- Litigation
 - Appellate
 - Federal District Court
 - Hatch-Waxman

- Client Counseling
 - Developing Pre-Litigation Strategy
 - Opinion of Counsel: Patentability, Freedom-to-Operate, Infringement, Invalidity
 - Due Diligence

- Licensing & Transactions

- Patent Prosecution
 - Biotechnology
 - Pharmaceuticals
 - Chemicals
 - Medical Devices

Education:

- B.S. Pharmacy, Seoul National University - 1989
- M.S. International Law, Sung Kyun Kwan University - 1998
- L.L.M., Intellectual Property, George Washington University - 1999

Bar Admissions:

- New York State
- District of Columbia

Publications and Presentations:

- "Patent Law Perspective on the Report of the Federal Trade Commission on Balancing Competition and Patent Law and Policy" written by E. Anthony Figg, C. Nichole Gifford and Joo Mee Kim, and presented to the ABA Section of Antitrust Law, May 2004.
- "How the 2003 Hatch-Waxman Reform Has Changed NDA/Generic Practice in the U.S.," presented in the Symposium sponsored by Darae Law & Patent Firm, November 9, 2005.
- "The Norvasc CAFC Decision and Thereafter," presented in the Symposium sponsored by Daily Pharm, June 21, 2007, Seoul, Korea.
- "Obviousness after *KSR*," presented in the Symposium sponsored by Daily Pharm, June 21, 2007, Seoul, Korea.
- "U.S. Generic Market," taught in the program entitled "Strategies for Exporting Pharmaceutical Products to the U.S. Market," sponsored by Korea Health Industry Development Institute and Pharmaceutical Industries, October 12, 2007.

Honors and Recognitions:

- 3rd President of the Korean-American Intellectual Property Lawyers Association ("KAIPLA")