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OVERVIEW

Carol J. Kim is an associate in the firm's Antitrust, Competition, and Trade Regulation practice group. Prior to joining the firm, Carol was an associate at an international law firm. In that role, she focused on regulatory matters relating to merger clearance, government investigations, and cross-border transactions, with significant experience in the firm's foreign sovereigns practice, including international arbitration and US civil litigation; and international trade and white-collar practice, including sanctions and export and import controls.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Carol began her legal career as a paralegal in Washington, DC, working on high-stakes disputes involving international litigation and investment treaty arbitration. These experiences informed her interest in the intersection of business, law, and global markets.

During law school, Carol worked as a law clerk at the US Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program. In addition, she served as a student director of the University of Chicago Law School's corporate law clinic, where she worked with Fortune 500 and startup companies on projects spanning data privacy regulation, whistleblower policies, FCPA compliance, and M&A trends.

As a law student, Carol also worked as a human rights law research assistant, analyzing legal frameworks governing gestational surrogacy in multiple countries. She further served as co-president of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and International Refugee Assistance Project, in addition to co-founding the law school's association for disability rights advocacy.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- DC Courts/DC Bar Pro Bono Center, Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll (2023-2025)
- The Wilson Center's Korea Center, NextGen US-ROK Leadership Program (2024)
- The University of Chicago Law School, International Human Rights Law Fellowship (2020)

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- National Asian Pacific American Bar Association, Member
- DC Bar Association, Member

EDUCATION

- J.D., The University of Chicago Law School, 2022 (*Pro Bono Honors; Ann Watson Barber Outstanding Service Award*)
- B.A., Brown University, 2015 (*magna cum laude; Phi Beta Kappa*)

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of District of Columbia

LANGUAGES

- Korean
- Spanish

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP POWERED BY HUB

- 16 February 2026, California Enacts Uniform Antitrust Premerger Notification Act
- 23 January 2026, FTC Announces New HSR Notification Thresholds for 2026

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [“An Examination of U.S. Jurisdiction and Enforcement of U.S. Judgments Abroad in the Context of North Korean Cyberattacks,”](#) *Chicago Journal of International Law Online*, Winter 2022
- [“How the Law School's Coase-Sandor Institute Supports Empirical Scholarship,”](#) *University of Chicago Law School*, 9 November 2021
- [“Summer in Seoul: A UChicago Law Student's Travel Experience during the Pandemic,”](#) *University of Chicago Law School*, 2 October 2020

NEWS & EVENTS

- 12 October 2026, K&L Gates Advises Milliman, Inc. on US\$340 Million Sale of Retirement Administration Business to Empower
- 2 March 2026, K&L Gates Advises Walex Products Company on Sale to Riverarch Equity Partners

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Antitrust and Competition