

Andrew L. Chung

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OVERVIEW

Andrew Chung is a partner in the firm's Seoul office and has been with the Seoul office since its opening in 2012. He focuses his practice primarily in the areas of cross-border commercial transactions involving both public and private companies and private equity investments, including multijurisdictional corporate transactions on behalf of both Korean and global clients. He advises clients on their corporate transactional needs across the globe, including mergers and acquisitions (M&A), joint ventures, corporate restructurings, licensing arrangements, private equity investments and alternative investments, and other general corporate matters.

He has been practicing and advising clients in Asia since 2008.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Andrew practiced with another law firm in Tokyo and in New York.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Selected as Commended External Counsel of the Year: South Korea, *In-House Community*'s Counsels of the Year Awards, 2024

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- American Bar Association

EDUCATION

- B.A., Boston College
- J.D., Georgetown University Law Center

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York

LANGUAGES

- Korean

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 2026, Global Employer Guide
- 10 February 2025, January 2025 Accolades
- 28 April 2020, COVID-19: Overview of Asia-Pacific Measures and Reliefs
- 11 April 2018, Average Wages as a Basis for Calculating Severance Pay: Definitions and Interpretation
- 01 February 2018, EU Judgment On Banning Sales Via Online Marketplaces - What Does It Mean For Non-Luxury Brands?
- 8 November 2017, The Impact of Ordinary Wage Determinations on an Employer's Labour Costs in Korea

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Assisted in preparing the chapter discussing Japan's antitrust laws, published in the Public Competition Enforcement Review (2009).

NEWS & EVENTS

- 28 August 2025, K&L Gates Advises South Korea's GS Engineering & Construction on US$1.2 Billion Sale of Water Treatment Subsidiary to UAE's TAQA
- 19 December 2022, K&L Gates Adds 40 Lawyers to Firm's Partnership

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "Amorepacific Acquires Tata Harper Skincare," *Women's Wear Daily*, 1 September 2022.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Global Employer Solutions

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Goods and Services
- Household Goods

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represented GS Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd. in its US$1.2 billion sale of its Spanish water treatment subsidiary GS Inima.
- Represented Amorepacific Corporation in the acquisition of a controlling stake in Tata's Natural Alchemy via a reverse triangular merger structure.
- Represented a major Korean fashion brand in streamlining its Middle Eastern operations and establishing a joint venture in the UAE.
- Represented a global marketing and multimedia company in its acquisition, in a two-step process, of a Korean marketing company.
- Represented a major Korean engineering and construction company in its bid to acquire a controlling stake in a US-based modular construction company.
- Represented a major Korean foods and pharmaceuticals company in its investment in a developer of high-value specialty chemicals based in the United States.
- Represented a large Korean asset management company in its acquisition of a majority stake in a large group of solar power projects located throughout France.
- Represented a Korean asset management company in numerous private equity investments in real estate funds in the United States.
- Advised a major Korean lithium-ion battery manufacturer in numerous commercial transactions with customers.
- Advised a major Korean sports federation in data privacy compliance matters and in connection with a strategic alliance in China.
- Advised a major Korean tobacco manufacturer in connection with various United States regulatory compliance matters.
- Represented a major Korean coffee franchise in its expansion efforts in Taiwan.
- Represented a major Korean power company in numerous contract negotiations for master sale and purchase agreements for liquefied natural gas.
- Represented a major Korean shoe manufacturer in numerous distribution arrangements with United States and European counterparties.

- Represented a major Korean multimedia company in various investments in China and Southeast Asia.
- Represented a Korean sovereign wealth fund in numerous investments in infrastructure funds, real estate funds, parallel funds, and hedge funds in the United States and Europe.
- Represented a major Korean home shopping company in exiting from its strategic alliance with a Turkish conglomerate in Turkey.
- Represented a United States asset management company in its investment in a Korean company that specializes in commercializing molecular and cellular medical diagnostic services.
- Represented a major global food and beverage company in its sale of its Japanese subsidiary to, and its acquisition of a substantial stake in, a major Japanese foods company.
- Represented a major global life insurance company in the Japan portion of its acquisition of the foreign life insurance business of a major global insurance company.
- Represented a major Japanese semiconductor manufacturer, including its two shareholders, which are major Japanese electronics companies, in the merger between the semiconductor manufacturer and a major rival to form the world's third largest semiconductor company.
- Represented a major global asset management company in the Japan portion of its acquisition of the asset management business of a major global investment bank.
- Represented a major global gaming company in its acquisition of a Japanese game developer.
- Represented a major global software company in its acquisition of a stake in a Japanese software developer.
- Represented a major French automobile manufacturer as co-counsel in connection with a broad strategic alliance with major automobile manufacturers in Germany and Japan.
- Represented a major Japanese oil company in its acquisition of a significant stake in a Japanese subsidiary of a major United States oil company.
- Represented a major Japanese food processing company in its acquisition of a US private milling company in the United States.