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OVERVIEW

Henry Kim is a partner and a member of the firm's Corporate practice and Energy Assets and Transactions practice group. His work focuses primarily on complex, cross-border disputes and transactions involving commodities trading, shipping, and energy and infrastructure projects, including gas-to-power developments, LNG cargo sales, terminal and storage infrastructure, and oil and gas operations.

Henry has extensive experience handling international arbitration proceedings under major institutional rules, including SIAC, ICC, LCIA, HKIAC, DIAC, KLRCA, LMAA, SCMA, GAFTA, and FOSFA. He regularly acts for clients in high-value, multijurisdictional disputes involving EPC contracts, LNG offtake and shipping arrangements, and project development agreements.

In the construction and infrastructure sector, Henry advises on the full project lifecycle, from contract negotiation and risk allocation to regulatory compliance and dispute resolution. He represents clients across a range of domestic and international projects, including power plants, LNG terminals, pipelines, and industrial facilities, and is experienced in managing technically and legally complex claims under both common and civil law frameworks. Henry has substantial experience in LNG sales arrangements covering the entire cargo value chain.

Henry is known for his strategic and detail-oriented approach, delivering practical and commercially focused advice. He is a trusted advisor to clients, fostering confidence through clear communication, strong advocacy, and a deep understanding of the industries he serves.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Henry served as a senior associate at an international law firm and worked at a major shipping company in South Korea.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Recognized by *Chambers Global* for Shipping: International: Litigation in Singapore, 2025-2026
- Recognized by *Chambers Asia-Pacific* for Shipping: International: Litigation in Singapore, 2025-2026

  - "Henry is commercially strong and a good collaborator. It was a pleasure working with him and his team." (*Chambers Asia-Pacific* 2026)
- Recognized by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* as a Recommended Lawyer
  - Leading Firms in Brunei, 2026
  - Projects: Foreign Firms, 2026
  - Construction: Local Firms in Singapore, 2026
  - Foreign Firms in Malaysia, 2024-2026
  - Shipping: Foreign Firms in Singapore, 2025-2026
    - "Henry Kim stands out for his expertise on the maritime issues, commercial mindset, and responsiveness. Unlike competitors, he offered practical, clear advice under pressure. I especially valued his collaborative approach and strong communication." (*The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific* 2026)
  - Energy: Foreign Firms in Singapore, 2025-2026
  - International Arbitration in Singapore, 2022 and 2025-2026

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Water Council, Special Committee Member (Strategy & Policy Committee)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Presentation on charter party disputes to major shipping and shipbuilding companies in Korea, 2017
- Seminar on charter party disputes (including bunker quality and quantity disputes), 2016
- Talk on recent arbitration / English Court cases, 2018
- Seminar on OW Bunker issues, general maritime law issues and trade disputes, 2015

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of Southampton
- Legal Practice Course, College of Law, Birmingham

ADMISSIONS

- Registered Foreign Lawyer with the Law Society of Singapore
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

LANGUAGES

- English
- Korean

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 7 June 2022, International Arbitration and the Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- November 2021, Arbitration World

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Co-author, "ADR in the United Arab Emirates: proactive dispute management," *Asia Business Law Journal*, 25 October 2023
- Co-Author, "Expert Briefing: Investment Activities in Singapore: A Legal Perspective," *Asia Business Law Journal*, 19 October 2023
- Co-Author, "Expert Briefing: Investment Activities in Singapore: A Legal Perspective," *Asia Business Law Journal*, 19 October 2023

NEWS & EVENTS

- 12 February 2026, *Chambers Global* 2026 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 2 February 2026, Nearly 50 K&L Gates Lawyers Recognized on *Thomson Reuters* Stand-out Lawyers List
- 11 December 2025, *Chambers Asia-Pacific* 2026 Guide Recognises K&L Gates
- 13 February 2025, *Chambers Global* 2025 Guide Ranks K&L Gates Lawyers, Practices
- 30 August 2022, K&L Gates Straits Law Advises South Korea's KB Kookmin Bank on US$300 Million Social Bond involving the IFC and Indonesia's KB Bukopin
- 30 March 2022, K&L Gates Advises Simmtech Holdings Co Ltd on Establishment of First Large Scale Printed Circuit Board Factory
- 5 March 2021, K&L Gates Names 31 New Partners Across Global Platform

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Mentioned, "Simmtech Holdings advised on game-changing factory in Malaysia," *Lawyers Weekly*, 4 April 2022

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Energy Assets and Transactions
- International Arbitration
- Maritime Transactions and Finance

INDUSTRIES

- Energy
- Maritime
- Oil and Gas
- Transportation and Logistics