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Overview

June Yeum is an arbitrator and arbitration practitioner, specializing in international and complex commercial arbitration. She is on the adjunct faculty at Penn Law and a partner at Pillsbury Winthrop in New York. During her 23 years of international arbitration practice, Ms. Yeum has practiced in both civil law and the common law systems, including in Seoul (appx 3 years), Singapore (appx 5 years), and New York (appx 15 years).

Ms. Yeum's cases span a broad range of industry sectors, including sales, construction, infrastructure, data, licensing, shareholder and joint venture disputes, equipment and heavy-machinery manufacturing/delivery, distributorships and agency, technology and intellectual property rights, life sciences and telecommunications.

Ms. Yeum has served as sole arbitrator, sole panelist, co-arbitrator and emergency arbitrator in arbitrations seated in Asia, Europe and the United States. She has also acted as arbitration counsel across a range of sectors under a wide variety of arbitral rules (including AAA, ICDR, ICC, HKIAC, CPR, WIPO, JAMS, LCIA, SIAC, UNCITRAL, KCAB, VIAC and SCC).

Ms. Yeum is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and serves on the Committee of Foreign and Comparative Law at the New York City Bar Association. She has been recognized by Chambers Global, Chambers Asia-Pacific and The Legal 500 since 2014. Prior to her legal career, she was an economic journalist.

Education

Juris Doctor, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C., U.S.A., 1999
Bachelor of Arts, Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea, 1992
Diploma, Université de Caen, Normandie, France, 1989

Representative Appointments as Arbitrator

- Sole arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between Japanese and Filipino joint venture partners involving freight charges and design defects in electron microscopes and information equipment arising under agency agreement (Singapore seat, Singapore law).
- Sole arbitrator in ICDR/AAA arbitration involving data theft, cybersecurity, privacy laws, and forensic disputes under software license and revenue sharing agreement, between US and Indian parties (New York seat, New York law).
- Emergency arbitrator in ICDR arbitration under AAA Commercial Rules involving discrimination claims and executive compensation arising under non-recourse financing, investment, and option contracts (New York seat, New York law).
- Sole arbitrator in consolidated SIAC arbitration involving exclusive license, trademark infringement, misappropriation of trade secrets, technology transfer and injunctive relief relating to energy products, between US and Singaporean parties (Singapore seat, Singapore law).
- Co-arbitrator under AAA Commercial Rules, concerning indemnification claim under license and funding agreements (New York seat, Delaware law).
- Sole arbitrator appointed by SIAC between Indian and Singaporean parties involving purchase price adjustment, consequential damages, and standard of quality relating to Indonesian coal (Singapore seat, Singapore law).
- Sole Arbitrator in KCAB expedited proceedings under KCAB Rules involving equipment defects, warranties and non-delivery between Korean and US parties (Korea seat, CISG).
- Sole Arbitrator in SIAC arbitration between multiple Asian and Peruvian parties arising under supply and distributorship agreements (Singapore Seat, Singapore Sale of Goods Act).
- Panelist appointed by WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center involving domain name and trademark disputes between Asian and European parties (Geneva seat).
- Co-arbitrator in VIAC arbitration (settled) involving subcontractor dispute relating to road project in Southeast Asian nation.
- Emergency arbitrator in SIAC arbitration (nominated) involving injunctive relief and jurisdictional issues arising out of failed joint venture (Singapore seat).

Representative Experience by Industry (as Arbitrator/Counsel)

Data, Technology, Intellectual Property & Life Sciences

- SIAC arbitration between Asian and Saudi Arabian parties involving joint venture disputes relating to medical software and high-tech collaboration, Singapore law, Singapore seat.
- JAMS arbitration between US and UK companies involving post-M&A disputes relating to e-solution and data processing business, New York law, New York seat.
- WIPO arbitration (appointing authority) under CPR Rules over trademark infringement, warranties, trade secrets and attendant tort claims, California law, unspecified seat.
- SIAC arbitration between US and Singaporean companies involving technology transfer and break-up of partnership, Singapore seat, Singapore law.
- Mediation and related legal proceedings on behalf of Asian and US biopharmaceutical and life science companies involving patent inventorship and related financial issues arising out

of commercialization and FDA approval of multi-billion dollar pharmaceutical, and licensing, distribution, and technology transfer.

- Pre-arbitration proceedings between US and Asian companies arising out of reps and warranties relating to the manufacture and marketing of radio frequency skin care medical devices cleared by FDA under Sec. 510(k) of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.
- KCAB arbitration between US and Asian companies involving defense-related equipment failure, warranties and non-delivery, Korea law, Seoul seat.
- LCIA arbitration between East Asian and Southeast Asian companies under partnership and revenue sharing agreements, English law, unspecified seat.
- ICC arbitration between US and Swedish parties involving licensing, royalties, and transfer of IP rights, New York law, Stockholm seat.

Trading, Sales, Joint Venture & Distributorship

- ICC arbitration involving acceptance dates and equipment failure arising under multiple sales and related contracts, governed by Virginia UCC, seated in Washington, D.C.
- ICC arbitration governed by CISG and gap-filling New York law, involving minimum purchase quantities, implied and express warranties and termination of exclusive distributorship relationships.
- SIAC arbitration involving exclusive partnership and revenue-sharing collaboration agreements between Asian and Middle Eastern parties, Singapore law, Singapore seat.
- ICC arbitration involving equipment non-conformity under supply contracts of wind turbine generators, Swiss law, Geneva seat.
- LCIA arbitration between European and Asian parties arising under distributorship agreement, governed by English law, seated in Poland.
- SIAC arbitration involving indemnification, warranties, and design/manufacturing defects involving Chinese, Korean and Colombian parties, Singapore law and Singapore seat.
- SCC arbitration seated in Stockholm between Russian distributors and a multinational trading company involving late delivery, implied warranties and CISG.

Construction, Equipment, Infrastructure & Energy

- ICC arbitration between marine contractors and an engineering & construction company arising under a service agreement for dredging and reclamation works, Singapore seat, English law.
- Consolidated SIAC arbitration involving power plant projects in India among Indian infrastructure, energy and construction companies over defects, non-delivery, corporate guarantee and payment terms, Singapore law, Singapore seat.
- LCIA arbitration between a shipbuilding company and a mining company arising out of a construction contract for a floating offshore transfer platform, seated in London and governed by English law.
- ICC arbitration between Asian parties involving leasing, installation and service contracts relating to tensioning work, Singapore seat, unspecified governing law.
- SIAC arbitration between French and Singaporean companies involving change orders, back charges, performance bond and delay liquidated damages, Singapore seat and Singapore law.

- ICC arbitration among a global construction & engineering company, a bank in Thailand and multiple subcontractors over non-delivery, change orders and guarantee terms relating to a construction project, English law, Singapore seat.
- ICC arbitration between an EPC contractor and subcontractors arising out of a purchase equipment and material contract involving a generator and turbine auxiliaries relating to a power project, involving warranties, indemnity, liquidated damages and replacement.
- ICC arbitration between three Asian construction and engineering companies and two Middle Eastern subcontractors in relation to defective works, failure to complete, repudiation, EOT and VO, governed by English law and seated in London.
- ICC arbitration involving equipment non-conformity under supply contracts of wind turbine generators, Swiss law, Geneva seat.
- ICC arbitration between a Fortune Global 500 steel company and a government-run entity of CIS nation under a loan facility, governed by Swiss law and seated in Zurich.
- HKIAC arbitration arising under a long-term solar energy supply contract among Japanese, Chinese and US companies, Korean law, Hong Kong seat.
- ICC arbitration between an East Asian construction company and a Southeast Asian bank involving a performance bond and guarantees governed by English law, seated in Bangkok.

Alter ego, non-signatory, governmental entities

- SIAC arbitration between Azerbaijan governmental entities and an East Asian company involving promissory notes and letters of intent, Singapore seat.
- SIAC arbitration between a project firm and non-signatory affiliate companies involving a pair of infrastructure projects in India, Singapore law, Singapore seat.
- AAA arbitration under ICDR Rules between Asian, UK and Brazilian companies and non-signatory principals (New York law, New York seat) and ancillary proceedings involving German and US entities in the State of Louisiana.
- SIAC arbitration involving Hong Kong and Australian parties and non-signatory parent and affiliate entities involving grain trading and termination of agency, Singapore seat.

Provisional/interim relief, attachment & ancillary proceedings

- Anti-suit injunction action in SIAC arbitration arising out of a power plant project between construction and infrastructure companies (Singapore seat, Singapore law).
- Pre- and post-arbitration attachment proceedings in aid of foreign arbitration involving raw materials from Brazil before U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.
- Interim emergency order in AAA/ICDR arbitration between Cayman Islands and US parties involving financial service and insurance activities.
- Provisional relief involving Microsoft and Google in ICDR arbitration involving software processing finance and accountings services.
- Anti-arbitration injunction suit in India involving SIAC arbitration over development of power plant.
- Anti-suit injunction action in ICC arbitration between Korean contractors and Iraqi subcontractors involving oil refinery projects in Middle East (London seat, English law).
- Attachment proceeding in aid of Singapore arbitration in New York state court against in-state garnishees' out-of-state assets.

Prior Professional Experience

2015–2019	Clyde & Co Classis Singapore Partner, International Arbitration Practice
2012–2015	Lee & Ko, Yulchon, Seoul Partner & Co–Head, International Arbitration Practice
2010–2012	Baker & McKenzie, New York Partner, International Arbitration Practice
1999–2010	Duane Morris, New York Associate and Partner, Litigation & Arbitration Practice
1997–1998	US Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. PT Law Clerk, Wireless Division

Professional Activities & Panels

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Arbitrator, Singapore International Arbitration Centre
- Arbitrator, International Centre for Dispute Resolution/American Arbitration Association
- Arbitrator, Korea Commercial Arbitration Board
- Arbitrator, Indonesia BANI Arbitration Center
- Arbitrator, New York City Bar Attorney Dispute Arbitration Panel
- Neutral/Panelist, WIPO Arbitration & Mediation Center
- Fellow, Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators
- Appointed Panelist, KORUS Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Disputes Panel
- Member, Comparative and Foreign Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association
- Member, International Arbitration Club of New York

Bar Admissions

New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

U.S. Court of International Trade

Astana International Financial Centre Court in Kazakhstan (as foreign lawyer)

Singapore International Commercial Court

Recognition

- "Thomson Reuters Stand-Out Lawyer – independently rated lawyers," 2022
- "Sources praise June Yeum for her 'profound experience and knowledge in international arbitration.' She 'is an enormously hard worker - people love working with her'."
Chambers Global 2021
- "June Yeum in the USA is an international arbitration specialist who offers valuable and extensive experience of having acted both as an arbitration counsel and as an arbitrator of disputes arising in the construction and energy spaces, among others"; "an outstanding lawyer with great advocacy skills and a strategic mindset" who "always provides us with the full support of her skills, expertise and commitment" and "knows what should be done in order to achieve successful results in arbitration and always gives us very practical advice at all important junctures."
Chambers Global 2020
- "June Yeum is referred to as 'an outstanding lawyer' by a market source. . .praises 'her excellent performance and successful results'. . . 'She also presents excellent ideas to solve problems and helps find a breakthrough when we are deadlocked'."
Chambers Global 2019
- International Arbitration, Singapore: "Recommended," noting her "fine record in infrastructure and construction disputes."
Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019
- "Well versed in international arbitration procedure ... proactive and diligent."
Chambers Asia Pacific 2018
- Singapore-based June Yeum provides "outstanding quality of work and commitment."
Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2018
- Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – Singapore, Band 3
"She really stands out on the basis of her knowledge of international arbitration."
Chambers Asia Pacific 2017
- Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – Singapore, Band 4
"...one of a handful of go-to individuals in the field"
Chambers Asia Pacific 2016
- International arbitration – Singapore, Tier 3
Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2016
- Dispute Resolution: Arbitration – South Korea, Band 1, "...an exceptional advocate"
Chambers Global 2015
- "...standout practitioner and fierce negotiator" and "genuinely concerned about what the right strategy to resolve the dispute."
Chambers Asia Pacific 2015
- "She has earned widespread applause...for her experience and her incisive handling of tough legal issues in arbitration."
Chambers Asia Pacific 2014

Selected Speaking Engagements

- Speaker, "Focus on Asia: The ICDR's Perspective," New York Arbitration Week, AAA-ICDR Roundtable, New York, November 2019.
- Lecturer, "Assessment of Damages in Construction Disputes," SIAC Conference on Damages in International Arbitration, Seoul, June 2018.
- Moderator, "Arbitration in Asia," In-House Counsel's International Arbitration Workshop, Yale Club, New York, July 2016.
- Speaker, "International Arbitration – Jurisdictional Challenge," International Arbitration Conference, Jakarta, Indonesia, March 2016.
- Speaker, "User's Guide to the SIAC Rules 2016," SIAC Rules 2016 Roadshow, Tokyo, September 2016.
- Panelist, "Subconscious Influences in International Arbitration," The 27th Institute for ITA Workshop, Dallas, Texas, June 2015.
- Moderator, "Civil and Common Law Approaches to the Arbitral Process and Practical Tips for Enforcement of Arbitral Awards," SIAC Conference on Managing Risks with International Arbitration, Tokyo, November 2015.
- Panelist, "Our Road Ahead in the Next Decade," APRAG 10th Anniversary Conference, Melbourne, Australia, February 2014.
- Speaker, "A Call for a Greater Predictability in Korean Arbitral Jurisprudence," Fourth Annual ICC Asia-Pacific Conference, Seoul, May 2014.
- Speaker, "Resolving Intellectual Property Disputes in International Arbitration," Korea Chamber of Commerce Seminar, Seoul, September 2014.
- Panelist, "Bridging Cultures in Arbitration: Arbitration in Progress," IPBA Regional Conference, Zurich, Switzerland, October 2013.
- Speaker, "Arbitrating Intellectual Property Issues," International Arbitration Expert Program, New York, 2012.
- Moderator, "ICSID Arbitration: Procedural Mechanism," KITA Trade Association, New York, June 2011.
- Speaker, "Current Landscape and Probable Future of Arbitration in Southeast Asia," Second Annual ICC Asia-Pacific Conference, Hong Kong, March 2011.
- Speaker, "Discovery in U.S. Courts-What to Expect," Chicago, Illinois, October 2010.
- Speaker, "Litigation in the U.S. Involving Asian-Pacific Companies," Fourth Annual Dispute Resolution Summit, Singapore, 2009.
- Speaker, "Defining 'Best Practices of International Arbitration for Asia' I: Preliminary and Pleading Stages," APRAG Conference, Seoul, 2009.

- Lecturer, "Fundamentals of International Commercial Arbitration," Harvard University, Boston, MA, 2009.
- Speaker, "Expert Evidence from American Legal Perspective," Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Disputes Conference, Kuala Lumpur, 2008.
- Panelist, "Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product Immunity in International Arbitration: Common Law and Civil Law Divide," ICC International Arbitration Conference, Seoul, 2006.

Selected Publications

- "Aligning Human Rights in Business with International Commercial Arbitral Rules," Kluwer Arbitration Blog, October 2021.
- "Cross-Cultural Approaches to Advocacy and Arbitral Decision-Making," World Arbitration & Mediation Review, Vol. 9 No. 4 pp 391 – 402, 2015.
- "Our Road Ahead in the Next Decade: Don't Be Such a Cassandra," Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group Quarterly Newsletter, June 2014.
- "The Baker & McKenzie International Arbitration Yearbook 2013—2015, Korea Chapter," Juris Publishing (2013).
- "Examining the Utility of IP Carve-Outs in Light of Recent Developments in U.S. Jurisprudence and International Arbitration," Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Journal, 78 Arbitration 279-285, Sweet & Maxwell, 2012.
- "Pre- and Post-Arbitration Enforcement Measures in U.S. Courts," KCAB Arbitration Journal Vol. 331, 2010.
- "Caught in the Corporate Web: Triangular Setoffs and the Cross-Border Lehman Bankruptcy," International Bar Association Asia Pacific Regional Forum, 2009.
- "What an Asian Company Needs to Know about Enforcing Arbitral Awards in the United States," Asian Dispute Review, Hong Kong, 2005.