

Joseph Kim

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Biography

Joseph Kim leads the Finance practice in the Tokyo office of Hogan Lovells. He is a member of the Infrastructure, Energy, Resources, and Projects (IERP) practice group and is particularly known for his experience in projects involving Japanese and Korean-led cross-border investments.

Joseph has been at the forefront of the worldwide power industry for over a decade and is widely acknowledged as one of the most commercially astute advisors to large-scale power projects globally. He recognises that the issues that power sector clients face are often multidimensional and focuses on delivering comprehensive solutions packages to clients. To this end, he works strenuously with an integrated, multidisciplinary group of lawyers across all six continents to address the full spectrum of clients' legal needs.

Joseph has extensive experience in representing sponsors, investors, export credit agencies, bilateral and multilateral agencies, commercial lenders, and underwriters in connection with acquiring, developing, and financing a wide range of international telecom and energy projects. Those include power, upstream LNG and natural resource, and renewable energy projects in Asia, the Middle East, and the Americas.



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Languages

Korean
English

Practices

Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,
and Projects

Industries

Diversified Industrials
Energy and Natural Resources
Private Capital

Areas of focus

Joseph received a B.A. from the University of the Pacific in 1989 and a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1995. He is qualified to practice before the California Bar, and registered as a gaikokuho jimubengoshi in Japan. Prior to joining Hogan Lovells, Joseph was a partner at the Tokyo office of a major global law firm. He is fluent in Korean.

Representative experience

Advising TEPCO in connection with the acquisition of a stake in Coc San Hydropower Project in Vietnam. This project was awarded 'Hydro Deal of the Year' by *IJ Global Awards – Asia Pacific 2018*.

Advising Exelon Corporation on the formation of a new 50:50 joint venture with the Japan Atomic Power Company

Advising Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Nippon Export and Investment Insurance (NEXI), and international lenders in connection with the financing of the 1.32GW Van Phong 1 coal-fired power plant project in Vietnam – first project to be financed under the 70:30 FCR in Vietnam

Awards and rankings

- Projects & Energy: International Firms and Joint Ventures - Recommended, *Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2021
- Projects & Energy: International - Leading Individual, *Chambers Asia-Pacific*, 2018 - 2020
- Highly Regarded Lawyer for Financial and Corporate Law in Japan, *IFLR1000*, 2018
- Leading Lawyer for Energy and Infrastructure in Japan, *IFLR1000*, 2016 - 2017
- Projects & Energy: International (Japan), Recognised Practitioner, *Chambers Global*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

Power: Nuclear Power

Power: Renewable Power

Power: Thermal Power

Sovereign Investors

Hydrogen

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of Minnesota Law School

B.A., University of the Pacific

Bar admissions and qualifications

California

Japan - Daini Tokyo Bar Association (Gaikokuho Jimu Bengoshi)

Registered Foreign Lawyer, England and Wales

- Awards and Rankings
 - Hogan Lovells wins in three categories at the ALB Japan Law Awards 2020
- Webinar
 - A bipartisan view of the 2020 election and its impact on U.S. foreign policy
- Media Mention
 - Southeast Asia energy buyers grab chance to lock in green deals *Nikkei Asian Review*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - A Comparative Guide: Impact of COVID-19 on the Infrastructure and Energy Sector
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Hong Kong | COVID-19 and contractual force majeure: A simple checklist
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Lights flicker on for solar feed in tariffs in Vietnam *Finance Alert*