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Practices:

Securities Litigation, Intellectual Property, Fraud, Qui Tam, Civil RICO, Entertainment, Complex Business Litigation, Class Actions

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Kate Shin's practice focuses on helping companies resolve their most complex business and commercial litigation matters involving contracts, corporate governance, employment, venture capital, the False Claims Act, real estate litigation, intellectual property infringement, and class action.

She has successfully represented international conglomerates, Fortune 500 companies, large private companies, local corporations, financial institutions, and individuals through jury trial, arbitration, settlement, post-trial proceedings, and appeal. Kate routinely participates in trial proceedings and a broad range of appellate and motion practices.

As a first-generation Korean American, Kate is fully versed in Korean culture and language. Having attended a university in South Korea where she studied Korean law, Kate provides a unique perspective on international legal disputes.

Education & Admissions

- Pepperdine University School of Law, J.D., 2011
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., summa cum laude, 2006

- California, 2011

Notable Matters

Landmark jury verdict awarding over $510 million to Saint Mary's Health Network in pivotal healthcare trial. Won one of the largest verdicts in healthcare litigation history in Nevada's Second Judicial District Court after convincing the jury that Universal Health Services of Delaware, Inc.

(UHS) and affiliated defendants committed intentional tortious misconduct in a coordinated scheme against Saint Mary's Health Network during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Won complete defense verdict for FIGS in false advertising case after four years of high-profile and hard-fought litigation, a three-week federal jury trial, and less than one day of deliberations. FIGS, a publicly traded DTC company that has revolutionized the medical apparel industry, had been sued by industry leader Strategic Partners, Inc. based on alleged claims for false advertising, violations of California's Unfair Competition Law, and other related torts and claimed damages exceeding $200 million.

Prevailed in three-week JAMS arbitration and successfully defended a prominent California-based bank. Defeated $100 million in alleged liabilities in which the plaintiffs alleged various fraud and contract claims and sought compensatory and punitive damages.

Successfully protected client's constitutional rights to a jury trial by invalidating contractual forum selection clauses designating the Delaware Court of Chancery. Obtained a significant ruling that casts serious doubts upon the Delaware Chancery Court's ability to fairly adjudicate disputes involving California citizens.

Obtained preliminary injunction in a pro bono class action lawsuit against a federal prison over the inefficient measures taken by prison officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19, in violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Successfully convinced the court to require prison officials to consider all medically vulnerable, non-violent prisoners and those over the age of 50 for home confinement.

Achieved complete defense decision on behalf of the world's largest plastic pipe manufacturer in a long-running, high-profile qui tam trial involving nine-figure damages relating to non-compliant PVC pipe. Successfully convinced the court to reduce claimed damages from $58 million to $2 million before the jury was ultimately unable to agree that any damages were owed, leading to a mistrial.

Obtained favorable settlement for a publicly traded California financial institution in a complex multimillion-dollar fraudulent transfer action arising from former customers failing to repay a commercial loan.

Secured trial victory and affirmance of ruling on appeal for owners of an international sports apparel company defeating fraud, breach of contract, and alter ego claims brought by their former business partners.

Won dismissal of a wage and hour class action on behalf of multiple corporate and individual defendants. The class action plaintiff, a former employee of the defendant restaurant, sought over $5 million dollars in damages for the putative class comprised of hundreds of former and current restaurant workers.

Successfully defended one of the world's leading VPN operators in an arbitration involving equity ownership issues brought by its former CEO.

Obtained dismissal with prejudice on behalf of two British agencies that regulate the practice of law in the United Kingdom against broad-ranging RICO, defamation, and other claims brought by two disbarred British solicitors in federal court.

Prevailed on a motion to dismiss a copyright infringement lawsuit seeking more than $50 million in damages on behalf of Korea's largest entertainment and media conglomerate.

Associations

- Member, Korean American Bar Association

Awards & Recognitions

- Legal Lions of the Week: *Saint Mary's Medical Group Inc. et al. v. Pinnacle Medical Group, Northern Nevada et al.*, *Law360*, 2025
- Top Defense Verdict of 2022, *Daily Journal*, 2023
- Humanitarian Award, American Civil Liberties Union, 2021