



## NAEUN RIM

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### EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2008

Columbia University, B.A., magna cum laude, 2004,  
English, Phi Beta Kappa

## OVERVIEW

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Naeun Rim has over a decade of experience as a litigator and is particularly known for her expertise in trial work. Since joining Bird Marella in 2016, she has played a key role and cross examined witnesses as part of several large trial teams in complex civil and criminal jury trials in both federal and California state court. She focuses her practice on criminal defense, complex civil litigation, and internal investigations. She has won arbitrations and secured multi-million dollar judgments in her civil cases, and secured acquittals, dismissals, and favorable sentencing results in her criminal matters.

Prior to joining the firm, Naeun served as a Trial Deputy for four years at the Federal Defender's Office in Los Angeles, where she first-chaired numerous high-stakes felony jury trials. During her time as a Trial Deputy, she appeared in hundreds of federal criminal cases and developed a reputation amongst federal judges and prosecutors alike as a skilled and credible advocate. She represented defendants in matters involving complex wire and mail fraud, health care fraud, access device fraud, environmental crimes, computer crimes, tax evasion, and more.

Before joining the Federal Defender's Office, Naeun was selected as Public Counsel's first Proskauer Rose Civil Justice Fellow after a nationwide search. During her fellowship, she spent three years overseeing the Federal Pro Se Clinic in the Central District of California, where she represented litigants involved in civil litigation who could not afford an attorney. She won numerous motions and obtained favorable settlements for her clients in cases involving matters such as RICO claims, civil rights claims, and intellectual property disputes.

Naeun clerked for the Honorable A. Howard Matz of the Central District of California. Conversationally fluent in Korean, she received her B.A. from Columbia University and her J.D. from Harvard Law School.

## EXPERIENCE

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Trial counsel for a Fortune 150 company in a four-month state criminal jury trial alleging environmental crimes. Cross-examined multiple witnesses and successfully argued evidentiary motions.

Defense counsel for multiple corporate claimants in the largest federal civil forfeiture action ever brought by the U.S. Department of Justice's Kleptocracy Asset Recovery Initiative (involving over \$1.7 billion of assets allegedly

misappropriated from a Malaysian sovereign wealth fund). Successfully moved to set aside all defaults entered in the forfeiture cases.

Trial counsel in a multi-million dollar federal civil jury trial alleging trade secret misappropriation claims. Direct-examined a high-level executive and helped shape trial strategy.

Obtained a multi-million dollar settlement for clients in an employment case after successfully deposing a key witness.

Obtained an agreement to dismiss all charges in a 23-count criminal healthcare fraud case.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

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Fellow, NAPABA Leadership Advancement Program (2018-2019)

Executive Committee, Barristers Section, Los Angeles County Bar Association (2009-2012)

## **EVENTS**

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Speaker, "Significant Legal Developments in the Western Region," American Bar Association's 32nd Annual National Institute on White Collar Crime, March 2017

Speaker, "The Art of the Cross: Developing Your Own Style," 2016 NAPABA Convention, San Diego, CA, November 2016