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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., 2008

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

OVERVIEW

Naeun Rim possesses over a decade of experience in high-stakes litigation and is particularly known for her expertise in trial work. Since joining Bird Marella in 2016, she has played a key role as part of several large trial teams, cross-examining witnesses in complex civil and criminal jury trials in both federal and California state court. She focuses her practice on white collar criminal defense, complex civil litigation and internal investigations. She has won arbitrations and secured multi-million dollar judgments in civil cases in addition to securing acquittals, dismissals and favorable sentencing results in 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, developing a reputation among federal judges and prosecutors as a skilled and credible advocate. She also represented defendants in matters involving complex wire and mail fraud, health care fraud, access device fraud, environmental crimes, computer crimes, tax evasion and more. Using a creative approach to trials, she was able to win not-guilty verdicts even in cases where the evidence appeared overwhelming.

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 were unable to afford an attorney. She won numerous motions and obtained favorable settlements for her clients in cases involving 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

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.

HONORS & AWARDS

Southern California Rising Stars, *Los Angeles Magazine*, 2019

AFFILIATIONS

Member, Korean American Bar Association Board of Governors, Southern California

Fellow, NAPABA Leadership Advancement Program, 2018-present

Member, Women's White Collar Defense Association, 2019

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

PUBLICATIONS

Author, "Ruling Preserves Pitchess Statute Constitutionality, For Now," *Daily Journal*, September 2019

Author, "*Brady v. Pitchess*: A Constitutional Crisis 40 Years in the Making," *Daily Journal*, May 2019

EVENTS

Speaker, "Presenting Yourself with Power and Projecting Authority: Using Improv to Elevate Your Presence," 2019 NAPABA Convention, Austin, TX, November 2019

Speaker, “Female Lawyers with Government Backgrounds: How They’ve Utilized and Leveraged that Experience and Found Success on the Bench, Private Practice, and In-house,” *Daily Journal*, Women Leadership in Law Conference, October 2019

Speaker, “Out of the Public Sector: From Private Practice to the Bench” CLE, Korean American Bar Association, September 2019

Speaker, “Cross-Border Litigation” CLE, Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association, June 2019

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

ADMISSIONS

California, 2009