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## June Yeum

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- *Chambers Global*

June Yeum is the co-chair of Akerman’s International Litigation and Arbitration Practice. With more than 25 years of experience, June focuses her practice on international arbitration, complex commercial disputes, and cross-border litigation. Her practice spans energy, infrastructure, construction, technology, licensing, and commercial contracts. She advises multinational corporations on dispute avoidance and early resolution strategies, manages legal proceedings on their behalf across the United States and in foreign jurisdictions, and serves as lead counsel in international arbitrations and related court proceedings.

June has significant experience handling high-value, multijurisdictional disputes before leading international arbitration institutions in matters involving construction, energy, commercial, and technical issues, including equipment failures, project performance, licensing arrangements, power generation, and distribution agreements. She has been recognized by *The Legal 500* for her international arbitration practice, including for her “fine record in infrastructure and construction disputes” and her “valuable and extensive experience of having acted both as an

### Areas of Experience

Litigation  
International Litigation and Arbitration  
Commercial Disputes  
Appellate  
Construction Litigation and Dispute Resolution  
Energy and Infrastructure

### Education

J.D., Georgetown University Law Center, 1999,  
*Georgetown International Environmental Law Review*, Interim Notes Editor  
B.A., Yonsei University, 1992  
Diploma, Université de Caen, Normandie, French Studies, 1989

### Admissions

#### Bars

New York

#### Courts

U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit  
U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit  
U.S. Court of International Trade  
U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York  
Singapore International Commercial Court

### Languages

Korean

arbitration counsel and as an arbitrator of disputes arising in the construction and energy spaces, among others.”

*Chambers Global* has described her as “an exceptional advocate” and a “standout practitioner and fierce negotiator,” as well as an “outstanding lawyer with great advocacy skills and a strategic mindset.” She has also been listed in Best Lawyers for International Arbitration—Commercial since 2024 and recognized as a *Thomson Reuters* Stand-Out Lawyer since 2022. She also serves as an adjunct professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, where she has taught international arbitration since 2022.

## Notable Work

**Construction Arbitration:** Obtained full recovery of a \$110 million principal claim and dismissal of a \$230 million counterclaim as lead counsel in an SIAC arbitration seated in Singapore arising from a coal-fired power plant EPC contract involving equipment failure, delay, variation, and loan guaranty disputes; obtained attachment relief against non-party garnishees and alter ego respondents in New York State Supreme Court. (*DPSIP v. GMR Infrastructure*, N.Y. Co. Sup. 2019)

**Energy Arbitration:** Secured early resolution of arbitration claims arising from an EPC contract for a battery energy storage system (BESS) project involving warranty obligations, equipment failure, grid interconnection, and performance; served as co-lead counsel in an ICC arbitration involving renewable energy licensing disputes and multijurisdictional IP issues relating to fuel cell technology, including advising behind the scenes on settlement strategy.

**Infrastructure Arbitration:** Prevailed in an ICC arbitration seated in Washington, D.C., involving equipment failures, performance issues, and warranty disputes relating to infrastructure automation systems; successfully opposed a motion to dismiss in parallel proceedings before a Virginia federal court.

**Minerals and Metals Arbitration:** Obtained two awards and recovered costs in an AAA/ICDR arbitration seated in New York against a U.K. partnership and a non-signatory group of Brazilian investors involving minimum purchase obligations, indemnification, and piercing the corporate veil; obtained a temporary restraining order and pre-arbitration attachment in New York State Supreme Court.

**Technology Arbitration:** Secured a favorable award for a subsidiary of a global energy company in a SIAC arbitration involving the distribution and co-development of advanced healthcare technology platforms and software systems in Saudi Arabia, dismissing a \$32 million claim in its entirety and awarding costs.

**Nuclear Energy Dispute Advisory:** Advised on pre-dispute risk management and dispute-resolution strategies involving next-generation small modular reactor (SMR) technology; advised on pre-arbitration strategy and legal risk assessment concerning the development and deployment of large-scale nuclear reactor technologies for major European power projects.

**Industrial Equipment Arbitration:** Secured a favorable settlement as lead counsel in a SIAC arbitration involving electrical-house (E-house) systems for a Middle Eastern oil refinery, including design and manufacturing defects, testing and commissioning, system integration, delays, variations, and extensions of time.

**Refinery Construction Dispute:** Secured a favorable monetary settlement as co-lead counsel in New York State Supreme Court litigation and related mediation arising from the fabrication and modular construction of proprietary process units for a major Latin American oil refinery, involving design, change orders, delays, disruption, and liquidated damages.

**Appellate Litigation:** Prevailed as co-lead counsel in a case of first impression before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit establishing the availability of pre-filing attachment relief in aid of foreign arbitration under Louisiana law. (*Stemcor USA Inc. v. Cia Siderurgica do Pará*, 5th Cir. 2019)

**Energy Disputes Management:** Obtained a favorable settlement on behalf of a major Japanese solar panel manufacturer at an early stage of an HKIAC arbitration seated in Hong Kong over long-term distribution contract disputes.

**Arbitrator Appointments:** Served as sole arbitrator and issued an award in an AAA/ICDR arbitration between U.S. and Indian software companies involving data theft, software licensing, digital forensics, and cybersecurity breaches; served as emergency arbitrator in an AAA arbitration involving non-recourse financing, investment, and option contracts.

## Related Professional Experience

- University of Pennsylvania Law School, Adjunct Professor of Law, 2022–Present
- U.S. Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C., Law Clerk, 1997–1998

## Published Work and Lectures

- SIAC Conference on Damages in International Arbitration, Lecturer, “Assessment of Damages in Construction Disputes,” Seoul, South Korea, June 2018
- SIAC Rules 2016 Roadshow, Speaker, “User’s Guide to the SIAC Rules 2016,” Tokyo, Japan, September 2016
- International Arbitration Workshop, Moderator, “Arbitration in Asia,” Yale Club, New York, New York, July 2016
- International Arbitration Conference, Speaker, “International Arbitration – Jurisdictional Challenge,” Jakarta, Indonesia, March 2016
- New York City Bar Comparative Law Committee Workshop, Moderator, “Introducing Singapore Arbitration,” New York, New York, February 2016
- *World Arbitration & Mediation Review*, “Cross-Cultural Approaches to Advocacy and Arbitral Decision-Making,” Vol. 9, No. 4, pp. 391–402, 2015
- SIAC Conference on Managing Risks with International Arbitration, Moderator, “Civil and Common Law Approaches to the Arbitral Process and Practical Tips for Enforcement of Arbitral Awards,” Tokyo, Japan, November 2015
- Institute for Transnational Arbitration (ITA) 27th Workshop, Panelist, “Subconscious Influences in International Arbitration,” Dallas, Texas, June 2015
- Korea Chamber of Commerce Seminar, Speaker, “Resolving Intellectual Property Disputes in International Arbitration,” Seoul, South Korea, September 2014

- *Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group Quarterly Newsletter*, “Our Road Ahead in the Next Decade: Don’t Be Such a Cassandra,” June 2014
- KCAB/KOCHAM Seminar, Lecturer, “Best Practices in Pre-Litigation Management and Early Case Assessment,” Seoul, South Korea, May 2014
- Samsung Group Incoming In-House Counsel Training, Lecturer, “Best Practices in Samsung’s Arbitration Clauses,” Seoul, South Korea, May 2014
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Annual Conference, Speaker, “A Call for Greater Predictability in Korean Arbitral Jurisprudence,” Seoul, South Korea, May 2014
- Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (APRAG) 10th Anniversary Conference, Panelist, “Our Road Ahead in the Next Decade,” Melbourne, Australia, February 2014
- IPBA Regional Conference, Speaker, “Bridging Cultures in Arbitration,” Zurich, Switzerland, 2013
- International Arbitration Expert Program, Speaker, “Arbitrating Intellectual Property Issues,” 2012
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Journal, “Examining the Utility of IP Carve-Outs in Light of Recent Developments in U.S. Jurisprudence and International Arbitration,” 78 Arbitration 279–285, Sweet & Maxwell, 2012
- Trade Association, Moderator, “ICSID Arbitration – Procedural Mechanism,” New York, New York, 2011
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Arbitration Conference, Speaker, “Current Landscape and Probable Future of Arbitration in Southeast Asia,” Hong Kong, 2011
- KCAB Arbitration Journal, “Pre- and Post-Arbitration Enforcement Measures in U.S. Courts,” p. 331, 2010
- “Discovery in U.S. Courts – What to Expect,” Speaker, Chicago, Illinois, 2010
- Harvard University, Lecturer, “Fundamentals of International Commercial Arbitration,” Boston, Massachusetts, 2009
- Fourth Annual Dispute Resolution Summit, Speaker, “Litigation in the U.S. Involving Asian-Pacific Companies,” Singapore, 2009
- Asia Pacific Regional Arbitration Group (APRAG) Conference, Speaker, “Defining ‘Best Practices of International Arbitration for Asia’ I: Preliminary and Pleading Stages,” Seoul, South Korea, 2009
- International Bar Association (IBA) Asia Pacific Regional Forum, “Caught in the Corporate Web: Triangular Setoffs and the Cross-Border Lehman Bankruptcy,” 2009
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Disputes Conference, Speaker, “Expert Evidence from an American Legal Perspective,” Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2008
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) International Arbitration Conference, Panelist, “Attorney-Client Privilege and Work Product Immunity in International Arbitration: Common Law and Civil Law Divide,” Seoul, South Korea, 2006
- *Asian Dispute Review*, “What an Asian Company Needs to Know About Enforcing Arbitral Awards in the United States,” Hong Kong, 2005

## Affiliations

- Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), Arbitrator
- International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Arbitrator
- The Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), Arbitrator

- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Arbitrator
- International Centre for Dispute Resolution/American Arbitration Association (ICDR/AAA), Arbitrator
- KORUS Free Trade Agreement, Panelist
- International Institute for Conflict Prevention & Resolution (CPR), Distinguished Neutral
- Indonesia BANI Arbitration Center, Arbitrator
- Korea Commercial Arbitration Board (KCAB), International Arbitrator
- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Neutral/Panelist
- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Fellow (FCIArb), London, United Kingdom
- Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (MIArb), Fellow
- Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) Court, Foreign Lawyer Admitted to Practice, Kazakhstan
- Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC), Member of Users' Council
- New York City Bar Association (NYCBA), Member of International Commercial Disputes Committee

## Honors and Distinctions

- *Best Lawyers*, 2024–2027, Recognized for International Arbitration – Commercial
- *Thomson Reuters*, 2025–2026, Named a Stand-out Lawyer
- *Chambers Global*, 2015, 2019, 2021, Recognized for Dispute Resolution
- *Chambers Asia Pacific*, 2014–2016, 2018, 2020, Recognized for Dispute Resolution and Arbitration
- *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific*, 2016, 2018, 2019, Recognized for International Arbitration in Singapore
- In-House Community, 2017, Recognized as a Commended External Counsel of the Year