

Mi-Yong Kim

Partner



Mi-Yong Kim has over 27 years of experience related to U.S. export controls and national security laws while in the U.S. Government and in private practice. She spent most of her career in the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce in multiple senior level positions. Based on her expertise gained through her long-term government service, she has intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the decision-making process of the U.S. Government related to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR); the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR); the Office of Foreign Asset Control Regulations; and the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). Most recently, for approximately two years, she was counsel with a law firm in Washington, DC, working with domestic and international high-tech and semiconductor clients on compliance with U.S. export controls and sanctions regulations.

Ms. Kim is also an Adjunct Professor at the National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan, where she teaches a graduate-level class on export controls and related topics at the College of International Affairs.

During her time with BIS, Ms. Kim worked with counterparts from U.S. national security agencies and offices such as the Departments of Defense, Energy, Homeland Security, Justice, State, and Treasury; the National Security Council; and others in the intelligence community on various export and national security issues. Her notable positions with BIS include serving as Chair of the Operating Committee where she analyzed and determined the outcome of cases with significant and broad policy implications; chairing the End-User Review Committee responsible for administering the Entity List; and directing the office responsible for national security review under CFIUS.

For over four years, Ms. Kim served as an export control adviser to the American Institute in Taiwan, the de facto U.S. mission in Taiwan, where she worked with Taiwanese officials on export control systems development. She has spoken at multiple events throughout Asia on export controls. Lastly, for close to eight years, Ms. Kim served as a senior attorney with the Chief Counsel for Industry and Security where she administratively enforced violations of the EAR and worked with Assistant U.S. Attorneys on criminal enforcement of violations of the EAR.

Representative Matters

- Counseled Asia-based multinational semiconductor companies on compliance with the EAR.
- Determined license requirements under the EAR for domestic medical devices and healthcare companies and research organizations.
- Analyzed license requirements under de minimis and foreign-direct product rules of the EAR for Asia-based high technology companies.
- Determined jurisdiction and classification under the EAR and the ITAR.

Bar Admissions

- District of Columbia

Published Works

- "Exporters Should Take Heed After DC Circ.'s FedEx Ruling," Law360, August 23, 2022
- "A Singular List (with Many Dimensions)," WorldECR November 2021, co-authored with Scott Jones
- "Behind The Curtain At Commerce's Operating Committee," Law360, October 6, 2021

Classes/Seminars

- Media interview: How Do Taiwanese Businesses Avoid Risks amidst U.S.-China Tensions? Former U.S. Commerce Official: Knowing Who You Are Dealing with. Business Weekly Taiwan Interviewed by Wen-Yee Lee, December 2021



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Practice Areas

International Trade & Regulatory Compliance

- Export Controls
- CFIUS
- Internal Corporate Compliance

Education

The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

- JD

University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware

- B.A.

U.S National Defense University, Washington, DC

- M.S.