

# BLANKROME

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Jason S. Kim is a deal lawyer. His practice focuses on representing domestic and foreign companies, financial institutions, funds, and serial entrepreneurs in acquisitions, mergers, and divestitures and related financing and capital raises with special emphasis on cross-border deals.

Jason also served as an Adjunct Professor at USC Gould School of Law from 2009 through 2018 and taught International Business Transactions covering the legal principles and practices involved in private business transactions and movement of goods, services, capital, knowledge, and technology across the boundaries of different nation-states.

Jason is fluent in Korean.

## Select Engagements

### Corporate

- Sell-side representation of a seamless apparel manufacturer to a private equity fund – Deal value confidential
- Investee-side representation of an energy technology company in closing Series Alpha capital raise round – Deal value confidential
- Investee-side representation of an energy technology company in closing Series D capital raise round – \$105 Million
- Investor-side representation of a restaurant group in the formation of a U.S. joint venture to own and operate a chain of high-end vegan restaurants – Deal value confidential
- Investor-side representation of a life science company in the formation of a

- U.S. biotechnology joint venture – Deal value confidential
- Investee-side representation of an energy technology company in closing Series C capital raise round – \$23 Million
  - Investee-side representation of an energy technology company in closing Series B capital raise round – \$49 Million
  - Investee-side representation of an energy technology company in securing a long-term renewable hydrogen supply with the supplier committing to building the first-ever liquid hydrogen production facility dedicated to the retail hydrogen market – \$160 Million – and follow-on capital raises – \$24 Million and \$25 Million, respectively
  - Buy-side representation of branded ready-to-consumer guacamole company in its sale to a NASDAQ-listed fresh food supplier to retailers – \$80 Million
  - Investor-side representation of a social, on-line gaming company in its acquisition of controlling interest in a U.S. social, on-line gaming company – \$130 Million
  - Buy-side representation of a paper company in its strategic acquisition of U.S. assets – Deal value confidential
  - Buy-side representation of an automobile parts and accessories company in its strategic acquisitions of U.S. assets – Deal value confidential

## **Hospitality**

- Buy-side representation in purchase of a hotel near Los Angeles International Airport in El Segundo, California – \$49 Million
- Lessee-side representation in entering into a ground lease to develop a hotel in Beverly Hills, California – Deal value confidential
- Lessee-side representation in entering into a ground lease to develop a hotel in Pasadena, California – Deal value confidential
- Buy-side representation in purchase of three hotels in Indianapolis, Indiana – Deal value confidential
- Buy-side representation in purchase of a hotel in Edgewater, New Jersey – Deal value confidential
- Buy-side representation in purchase of a hotel in Sacramento, California – Deal value confidential
- Buy-side representation in purchase of a hotel in Danvers, Massachusetts – Deal value confidential
- Buy-side representation in purchase of a hotel in Arlington, Texas – Deal value confidential
- Buy-side representation in purchase of a hotel in Los Angeles, California – Deal value confidential
- Buy-side representation in purchase of a hotel in Visalia, California – Deal value confidential

## **Real Estate**

- Buy-side representation of an automotive company in its purchase of a research and development center – \$15.5 Million
- Buy-side representation of an electric vehicle maker in its purchase of a U.S.

- manufacturing facility – Deal value confidential
- Buy-side representation of a real estate investment firm in its purchase of a retail center – \$43 Million
- Buy-side representation of a real estate investment firm in its purchase of an industrial center – \$22 Million
- Sell-side representation of a real estate investment firm in its sale of a retail center – \$25 Million
- Lessor-side representation in leasing of nearly 104,000 square feet of creative office and production space to leading multimedia, user-centric advisement development and production studios – Deal value confidential

## **Financing**

- Lender-side representation of a commercial bank in providing mortgage loan for construction of Los Angeles Chargers' new corporate headquarters and practice facility – \$263 Million
- Borrower-side representation of an energy technology company in obtaining convertible loan – \$50 Million
- Issuer-side representation of an airline in connection with its private placement offering of unsecured bonds – \$200 Million
- Lender-side representation of a commercial bank as administrative agent, lead arranger, syndication agent, and lender in providing multiple credit facilities – \$125 Million
- Lender-side representation of a commercial bank as administrative agent, lead arranger, syndication agent, and lender in providing a CRE loan – \$120 Million
- Lender-side representation of a commercial bank as administrative and collateral agent and lender in providing a CRE loan – \$68.5 Million
- Borrower-side representation of a real estate investment firm in obtaining CRE loans on portfolio of real estate assets – \$44 Million
- Borrower-side representation of a real estate investment firm in obtaining RE loans on portfolio of real estate assets – \$49 Million

## **Admissions**

- California

## **Memberships**

- International Association of Korean Lawyers
- Korean American Bar Association of Southern California
- Los Angeles County Bar Association

## **Education**

- University of California, Los Angeles, BA
- UCLA School of Law, JD

## Recognitions

- 2024, "Leader of Influence: Minority Attorneys," listed by *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- 2022–2024, "Leader of Influence: Private Equity, Investors & Advisors," listed by *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- 2018, "Most Influential Minority Attorney," listed by *Los Angeles Business Journal*
- 2015, honored by the Korean American Bar Association of Southern California for Pro Bono and Korean Community Service
- 2013, selected by the Los Angeles Consulate General of the Republic of Korea to serve as the International Business Transactions expert adviser to assist Korean Small and Medium Enterprises investing or doing business in the U.S.

## Professional Activities

- 2016–2017, Co-Chair of the Board of Directors of Asian Business Association
- 2013–2019 and 2021–2024, Director on the Board of Directors of Asian Business Association
- 2020, Director on the Board of Directors of Asian Business Center
- Member of National Asian Pacific American Bar Association
- Member of International Association of Korean Lawyers
- Member of Korean American Bar Association of Southern California

## Languages

- Korean