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Michael S. Kim, co-founder of the disputes and investigations specialist firm, Kobre & Kim, serves as lead counsel in high-stakes financial disputes, with a particular focus on international enforcement of arbitration awards. Kobre & Kim is comprised of approximately 150 lawyers and analysts based in New York, London, Hong Kong, Seoul, Tel Aviv, Washington DC, San Francisco, Miami, Turks & Caicos Islands, Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands.

Mr. Kim was ranked as one of the top 10 judgment enforcement/asset recovery lawyers in the world by the publishers of the *Global Arbitration Review*. He has served as an expert witness in the courts of the Cayman Islands, England, Switzerland and Italy, and is co-author of the book *Debtor-Creditor Fraud* (West Publishing).

Recognized by *Chambers* as "an extraordinary attorney with great trial and legal skills who knows how to give clients what they want," Mr. Kim has also been described in client reports in *Benchmark Litigation* thus: "a brilliant strategist and creative thinker" and "an exceptional leader, especially in cases involving multi-jurisdictional issues...Michael...coordinated legal proceedings in three or four jurisdictions all working together to achieve our objective."

Prior to establishing Kobre & Kim, he served as a prosecutor for the U.S. Department of Justice. In that capacity, Mr. Kim focused on white-collar criminal cases involving hedge funds, securities, and commodity futures fraud, many of which involved international asset tracing and forfeiture. Earlier in his legal career, Mr. Kim practiced at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP in New York. Before his legal career, Mr. Kim served as a U.S. Army infantry officer.

Representative Publicly Disclosed Engagements

- Representation of ConocoPhillips in relation to the enforcement of ICSID and ICC arbitration claims against the PDVSA and the Republic of Venezuela.
- Representation of Chevron in enforcing a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) arbitration award for US \$100 million+ against the Republic of Ecuador.
- Representation of DuPont in enforcing US \$920 million judgment against Kolon Industries, a South Korean conglomerate operating in the U.S., Europe, and Asia.
- Representation of the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC), an agency of the government of the Republic of Korea, in litigation to recover the fraudulently concealed assets of Yoo Byung Eun, the former owner of the ferry company involved in the Sewol disaster.
- Representation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. Territory, in the enforcement of US \$120 million tax judgment against debtors with assets structured in numerous offshore vehicles and shell companies throughout Europe, Asia, and offshore jurisdictions.
- Representation of the Trustee in Bankruptcy of Parmalat SpA, in connection with Italian and Cayman Islands insolvency proceedings against Wells Fargo Bank and Bank of America relating to more than US \$200 million of disputed claims.
- Representation as Special Litigation Counsel to the bankruptcy estate of CDC Corporation, a Hong Kong-based public company, in recovering corporate control and assets from various subsidiaries in Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, and China.
- Representation of the Trustee in Bankruptcy of Petters Company, Inc. as Special Litigation Counsel for international asset recovery.
- Defense of Tiger Eye Investments, a Cayman Islands company, in recovering more than US \$400 million+ frozen by the U.S. and Brazilian governments.