

# **Edward Dhong**

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## **Biography**

Edward Dhong is a business attorney with substantial private practice and in-house experiences in California and Asia. Edward is currently a Senior Foreign Attorney at Yoon & Yang with a focus on corporate investigation, regulatory compliance, employment & Labor, anti-trust competition and general corporate law.

Prior to joining Yoon & Yang, Edward spent 15 years at IBM where, as IBM's Head of Legal Investigations for Asia Pacific, Greater China Group and Japan, he supervised lawyers and investigators to conduct and manage investigations on potential fraud, corruption, conflict of interest and other corporate misconduct. Edward's earlier roles at IBM included oversight of all legal matters in Korea as Senior Regional Counsel/General Counsel leading a team of lawyers and other professionals. He was also IBM's Trust and Compliance Officer responsible for implementing IBM's corporate compliance programs and initiatives throughout Korea as well as the lead lawyer managing litigation and M&Aactivities across Asia Pacific and complex service transactions in Korea.

Prior to IBM, Edward was a corporate and commercial attorney at the San Francisco/Silicon Valley offices of Baker & McKenzie and Coudert Brothers with extensive transactional experience in corporate, M&As securities, investment, and other transactional matters. His legal practice focused on strategic M&A investments, and corporate finance activities, including acquisitions, divestitures, corporate reorganizations, joint ventures (including partnerships and limited liability companies), equity investments, financings, and real estate.

Edward also actively participates in outside organizations. He served as the Chairman of the In-House Counsel Form (IHCF - Korea's largest in-house lawyers group with close to 2,000 members) from 2017-18. He was appointed as an Advisor to Korean government's Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission in 2016 during the final adoption of the Improper Solicitation and Graft Act. Edward is currently a Director of the International Association of Korean Lawyers (IAKL), a Co-Chair of the Ethics & Compliance Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea and an advisor to Korea University's American Law Center.

#### Education

- 1996 University of California, Hastings College of the Law J.D.
- 1992 University of California, Berkeley, Bachelor of Arts in Economics

#### **Experience**

- 2019\_present Senior Foreign Attorney, Yoon & Yang LLC
- 2019\_present Co-Chair, Ethics and Compliance Committee, American Chamber of Commerce in Korea
- 2018\_present Director, International Association of Korean Lawyers (IAKL)
- 2018\_present Advisory Board Member, American Law Center, Korea University School of Law
- 2017\_18 Chairman, In-House Counsel Forum (IHCF)
- 2016\_17 Member, Advisory Committee, Anti-Corruption & Civil Rights Commission
- 2010\_17 Co-Chair, Ethics and Compliance Committee, American Chamber of Commerce in Korea
- 2005\_19 Head of Corporate Legal Investigations for IBM Asia Pacific, Great China Group and Japan / Senior Regional Counsel/General Counsel, IBM Korea, Inc. / Counsel and Trust & Compliance Officer, IBM Korea, Inc.
- 2003\_04 Senior Associate, Corporate Group, Coudert Brothers LLP (San Francisco, Palo Alto)
- 1999\_03 Senior Associate, International Business Group, Baker & Mckenzie (San Francisco, Palo Alto)
- 1996\_99 Associate, Intellectual Property Group&Corporate/Business Groups, Central International Law Firm

#### **Practice Area**

- Antitrust & Competition
- Employment & Labor
- Corporate General

## Languages

English, Korean

# Qualifications

1996, California