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Dentons Lee's COO and Disputes Head Departs for Korean Firm Lin

Lance Lee is set to join the Seoul-based law firm as head of its international arbitration and mediation team.

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Law Firm Hiring



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Dentons Lee's chief operating officer, who has also served as the firm's partner and head of its international arbitration practice, is set to join Seoul-based law firm Lin as head of its international arbitration and mediation team.

Lance Lee will officially start his new role on December 7, Lin's New York-qualified foreign attorney Hye Kyung Christy Lim told Law.com International.

Lee's move comes amidst a wave of hiring activity in the dispute resolution space in Korea's legal market. Lee & Ko's senior disputes foreign attorney David Kim's [departure](#) for Baker McKenzie & KL Partners Joint Venture Law Firm and Shin & Kim's senior disputes foreign attorney Arie Eernisse's [move](#) to Swiss-Korean international arbitration boutique Peter & Kim have been among the recent spate of activity.

As a member of the Washington D.C Bar, Lee began his legal career as a U.S. Army JAG officer and trial attorney in 1998. He joined Kim & Chang, the largest law firm in Korea, in 2001, where he spent over a decade and made partner during his stint there. Between 2008 and 2009, Lee worked as general counsel for Seoul-based international trade and development company STX Corporation, where he handled all of the legal aspects of overseas corporate investments and outbound arbitrations.

Since 2012, he has been practicing as a partner and head of the international arbitration at Dentons Korea, which [combined](#) with parts of South Korean practice Lee International in 2020 and now operates under the name Dentons Lee. Lee International continues to operate as an independent firm that focuses on intellectual property matters.

In addition to his expertise in international dispute resolution and cross-border litigation, Lee also specializes in advising on general corporate, compliance, finance, international trade and government regulatory matters.

Dentons Lee has declined to comment on Lee's departure.

In August this year, Dentons picked the head of the firm's South Korea region, Nicholas Howon Park, as the global board chair, which had previously been held by Xuefeng Peng, founder and president of the Beijing-based Dacheng Law Offices that combined with Dentons in 2015.

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