

# PETER K. HWANG

## **EXPERIENCE**

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### **Sung & Hwang LLP**

Columbia, Maryland

*Partner and Co-founder*

November 2009 – Present

- Co-founded law firm that has grown into a general practice providing legal services primarily in civil litigation and business transactions
- Manage all of the firm's litigation matters
- Serve as lead counsel in litigation matters involving a wide range of substantive areas, including intellectual property, fraud, banking, securities, employment, personal injury, and insurance, in state and federal courts across the country

### *Representative Engagements*

- Successfully represented company as lead counsel in a lawsuit seeking in excess of \$70,000,000.00 in a Texas federal court in a dispute over policies reinsuring payments made for the construction of large cargo vessels
- Obtained a take-nothing dismissal from a government agency in Korea of claims against the firm's clients totaling \$5,796,653.91 after defeating plaintiff's motion for summary judgment as lead counsel in a Maryland state court
- Won a motion to dismiss in Maryland federal court as lead counsel representing business against claims alleging violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act
- Successfully represented various companies in trademark opposition proceedings before the U.S. Trademark Trial and Appeal Board
- Won a motion to dismiss as lead counsel resulting in the dismissal of a wrongful termination claim and obtained a take-nothing dismissal of remaining defamation claim in a Maryland state court
- Successfully represented a for-profit college as lead counsel in a defamation action against a newspaper in a Virginia state court, resulting in a favorable settlement after the author of the defamatory article was called as an adverse witness on the second day of trial
- Won a motion to dismiss as lead counsel resulting in the dismissal of a wrongful termination claim in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia
- Won a take-nothing defense verdict after trial on claims of fraud against a textile restoration company as lead counsel in a Maryland state court
- Successfully represented a Korean actress as lead counsel in a defamation action against an anonymous blogger in an Illinois state court after identifying the blogger through subpoenas issued to social media companies
- Won summary judgment in a Maryland state court against claims for personal injuries from an alleged "slip-and-fall" incident as lead counsel
- Conducted internal investigation for large supermarket resulting in the extradition, guilty plea and conviction of two employees accused of large thefts
- Successfully represented five individuals as lead counsel defending against a \$12,000,000.00 civil suit in a Maryland state court

### **Baker Botts LLP**

Washington, DC

*Associate, Trial Group*

September 2008 – August 2009

- Focused on white-collar criminal, securities and general civil litigation matters
- Assisted with defense of various companies under investigation by the United States Department of Justice and United States Securities and Exchange Commission
- Drafted pleadings and motions for various shareholder derivative and class action lawsuits in state and federal courts across the country
- Co-authored publication entitled "Ethical and Professional Problems in Law Enforcement Investigations: Recent Developments" with the former General Counsel to the Securities and Exchange Commission

*Summer Associate*

May 2007 - August 2007

- Prepared research memoranda regarding fraudulent inducement claims, validity of confidentiality agreements, ineffective assistance of counsel and state assistance requirements, among other issues
- Researched for and assisted in drafting of petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court regarding whether a trademark owner must show willfulness to recover the portions of an infringer's profits that a jury reasonably finds attributable to the infringement under federal law
- Assisted in preparing for hearing for a motion for new trial following a state criminal trial

*Representative Engagements (as Associate in Trial Group)*

- Represented independent federal government agency as receiver for failed bank in various class action lawsuits
- Represented international energy company in an investigation conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice and the Securities Exchange Commission into violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act
- Represented board members of national provider of managed health plans in a shareholder derivative lawsuit
- Represented international energy company in case involving abandonment liability for an oil drilling platform
- Represented former high-level federal government official in an appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
- Represented well-known television personality in an investigation conducted by the Securities and Exchange Commission

**Dickstein Shapiro LLP**

Washington, DC

*Summer Associate*

May 2006 – August 2006

- Researched various issues regarding securities law, white-collar crime and general business litigation
- Drafted motion to dismiss for insider trading claim
- Prepared research memoranda regarding breach of fiduciary duty claims, failure to supervise under NASD Rules, admissibility of post-trial evidence and required disclosures under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, among other issues
- Prepared summary reports regarding advisory fees charged by mutual fund complexes

**EDUCATION**

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**American University, Washington College of Law**

*Juris Doctor, May 2008*

**Johns Hopkins University**

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics, May 2002*

*Minors in History and Computer Science*