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또한 학계와 국제 무대에서도 활발히 활동해 왔습니다. 최중혁 선임외국변호사는 서울대학교 법과대학에서 겸임교수로 재직한 바 있으며, 2018년에는 고려대학교 아메리칸 로 센터(American Law Center)의 운영위원회(Steering Committee) 및 자문위원회(Advisory Committee) 위원으로 위촉되었습니다. 아울러International Competition Network의 비정부 자문위원으로 다년간 활동하였고, 서울에서 개최된 GCR Conference의 의장을 역임한 바 있습니다.

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경력

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2008-2009	서울대학교 법과대학 겸임교수

주요 업무 실적

- 글로벌 반도체 회사의 시장지배적 지위 남용행위 사건
- 해외 자동차제조사들의 배기가스 관련 담합 사건
- 글로벌 컨테이너 해상 운송 회사의 담합 사건
- 해외 자동차사 및 딜러사들 간의 자동차 판매 관련 담합 사건
- 외국계 은행을 대리하여 공정위의 부당 공동행위 심의절차 종료 결정
- 다수의 글로벌 회사의 공정거래 손해배상소송 건 대리
- 다수의 글로벌 회사의 기업결합신고 대리 및 기업결합 절차에서 이해관계인 대리

학력

1994	미국 U.C.L.A. 법과대학 졸업 (J.D.)
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1994	외국변호사, 미국 캘리포니아주

언어

영어, 한국어

외부 활동

세미나

- Faculty, “New Dawn of Dawn Raids” ABA Spring Meeting 2025, Washington DC, United States, April 2025
- Speaker, “ESG/Sustainability” ABA Global Seminar Series, Tokyo, Japan (2023. 11)
- Speaker, “Innovation policy developments - Antitrust and IP Interface” USC/AG Antitrust and Competition Event, USC Gould Center for Transnational Law and Business, Los Angeles, USA (2023. 5)
- Faculty, “Demonstration: The Leniency Decision”, 14th International Cartel Workshop, ABA Antitrust Law Section, Lisbon, Portugal (2022. 6)
- Speaker, “Competition in Media Space” USC/AG Antitrust and Competition Event, USC Gould Center for Transnational Law and Business (2022. 6)
- Speaker, “Leniency perspectives from the private bar”, hosted by Japan Fair Trade Commission, (2020. 12)
- Speaker, “The Government Raids Targets & the Defense Responds to the Government Investigation”, 13th International Cartel Workshop, ABA Antitrust Law Section, San Francisco (2020. 2)
- Speaker, “Big Data and AI”, HKU-Lingnan-Florida Platform Competition Conference, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (2019. 6)
- Speaker, “The New Engine of Growth in Asia Conference: Investment and Technology”, ABA Section of International Law, Korea University, Seoul, Korea (2018. 10)
- Speaker, "IP and Antitrust," 2016 International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Conference, Washington DC (2016. 9)
- Chairperson, GCR Live 2nd Annual IP & Antitrust Asia-Pacific (2016. 5)
- Moderator, "Valuation of IP," GCR Live 2nd Annual IP & Antitrust Asia-Pacific (2016. 5)
- Speaker, "Refusal to Supply," 2016 International Competition Network (ICN) Annual Conference, UCWG BOS, Singapore (2016. 4)
- Speaker, "Competition Law 2015 – Panorama of antitrust enforcement in Europe and Korea," ECCK Luncheon on Antitrust, Seoul, Korea (2015. 11)
- Speaker, "Dominance: Technology cases – North Asia perspective," GCR Live Hong Kong: Focus on China, Hong Kong (2015. 10)
- Speaker, "Intersection of antitrust and IP – an international perspective," GCR Live IP & Antitrust Asia-Pacific, Seoul, Korea (2015. 5)
- Speaker, "Making efficiency assessment more effective," 2015 ICN Annual Conference, UCWG BOS, Sydney, Australia (2015. 4)
- Speaker, "Conglomerate and Vertical Mergers / Case Discussions" Korea University, Seoul, Korea (2014. 11)

저서 및 논문

- Lexology In-Depth Cartels and Leniency (Edition 14) 2026: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Thomson Reuter Practical Law – Enforcement of Judgments: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Cartels 2026: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)

- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2026 (22nd Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- GCR Merger Remedies Guide (Edition 6) 2025: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Antitrust Litigation 2025: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology In-Depth Dominance and Monopolies (Edition 13) 2025: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Cartels 2025: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2025 (21th Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology Panoramic (formely Getting the Deal Through) – Cartel Regulation 2025: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Antitrust Litigation 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology In-Depth Dominance and Monopolies (Edition 12) 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Cartels 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers In-Depth Overview – An Introduction to Competition/Antitrust 2024: Korea Chapter
- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2024 (20th Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2023 (19th Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Litigation 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Cartel Regulation 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Antitrust Litigation 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The Law Reviews – The Dominance and Monopolies Review (Edition 11) 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Cartels 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Litigation 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2022 (18th Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Cartels 2022: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Cartel Regulation 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Antitrust Litigation 2021: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Cartels 2021: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2021 (17th Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2020 (16th Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Cartels 2019: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2019 (15th Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The International Comparative Legal Guides - Merger Control 2018 (14th Edition): Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Global IP Trend 2015 - 표준필수특허 및 FRAND 약정을 둘러싼 최근의 경쟁법적 이슈, 한국지식재산연구원 (공저, 2015)
- IFLR IPR Guidelines Revised – Tackling unreasonable behaviour 2015: South Korea Special Focus (Co-authored)
- Korea Chapter of the International Comparative Legal Guide to Competition Litigation, Global Legal Group (Co-authored, 2010-2015)
- Korean Chapter of "Korean antitrust regime: Key trends and developments", Competition & Antitrust Review 2013

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- Representing the Asian Client, Los Angeles Daily Journal (2010. 12)
- Law Business Research Ltd - The Public Competition Enforcement Review 2009: Korean Chapter

외부 평가

- Chambers Asia Competition/Antitrust 분야 "Leading Individual" 선정 (2013-2020/ Band 1 2021-2026)
- Legal500 Antitrust and Competition분야 "Recommended Lawyer" 선정 (2014, 2016, 2018-2019) / "Leading Individual" 선정 (2024-2026)
- 법률신문 대한민국 컨수머리포트 최고의 변호사 선정 (2025)
- Lexology Index Competition 분야 "Leading Lawyer" 선정 (2020-2021, 2023-2025)
- Asialaw Profiles Competition/Antitrust 분야 "Leading Lawyer" 선정 (2019-2025)
- GCR Awards 2021 "올해의 공정거래사건상" 수상 – 피아트크라이슬러와 푸조-시트로엥그룹 합병
- GCR Awards 2021 "올해의 아태지역 기업결합사건상" 수상 – ZF 프리드리히스하펜과 와브코 기업결합 승인
- 리걸타임즈 공정거래 분야 "리딩로이어(Leading Lawyer)" 선정 (2017, 2019)

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