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### EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2016

Harvard University, B.A., *cum laude*, 2009

## OVERVIEW

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Christopher Jumin Lee joined Bird Marella in 2018. He has a broad practice encompassing complex commercial and white collar matters. Chris has represented both US and international clients from a wide variety of industries, including alcoholic beverages, apparel, construction, cryptocurrency, defense, entertainment, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and private equity.

Chris also has an active pro bono practice, having advocated on behalf of clients in complex civil rights class actions, asylum proceedings, and capital punishment cases.

Chris earned his J.D. from Harvard Law School. While in law school, he was a judicial intern for the Hon. James E. Boasberg in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Prior to joining Bird Marella, Chris was an associate at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP.

Chris is a native speaker of Korean and is deeply familiar with Korean culture and business practices. Before law school, Chris was an officer in the Republic of Korea Air Force, and served on the staff at the Ministry of National Defense. Chris is an advisor to various firms in the blockchain and cryptocurrency industry, including cryptocurrency exchanges GOPAX and Huobi Korea, and decentralized finance platform Terra.

## EXPERIENCE

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Achieved a significant and favorable outcome on behalf of apparel company owner who faced criminal charges of underpayment of tax and duty by \$35 million and money laundering over \$80 million. Convinced Judge to decrease sentence to twelve months and one day in custody, rather than the five years recommended by the Sentencing Guidelines and demanded by the government.

Obtained preliminary injunction in a pro bono class action lawsuit against federal prison over the inefficient measures taken by prison officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19, in violation of the Eighth Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. Successfully convinced the court to require prison officials to consider all medically vulnerable, non-violent prisoners and those over the age of 50 for home confinement.

## HONORS & AWARDS

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Southern California Rising Stars, *Los Angeles Magazine*, 2022

Humanitarian Award, American Civil Liberties Union, 2021

## ADMISSIONS

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New York, 2018