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EDUCATION

LL.M., Regent University School of Law, 2017

Juris Doctor, Regent University School of Law, 2015

The George Washington University, 2011

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of Virginia, 2015

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 2015

United States Immigration Court, 2015

OVERVIEW

Ra Hee Jeon is a Pender & Coward shareholder focusing her practice on family law and immigration matters. Born and raised in South Korea, she is bilingual in Korean and English and skillful in Spanish.

Being fluent in Korean, she currently serves as a legal advisor to the Korean Consulate in Washington, D.C. and represents Korean businesses locally in a variety of corporate and real estate transactions in addition to Korean individuals in estate planning and immigration matters.

Ra Hee routinely drafts and reviews prenuptial agreements and property settlement agreements and advises her clients in complex contested divorce, uncontested divorce, and child custody/visitation/support issues. She actively participates in negotiation efforts to zealously represent her clients and to serve the best interests of any children involved.

Ra Hee represents foreign-born and U.S. citizen clients in a variety of immigration matters and helps them navigate the complex U.S. immigration law process.

Ra Hee is certified as a Virginia Guardian *Ad Litem* and received a Certificate for Misdemeanor from the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission. Through her work for the Children & Law Commission of the VSB Young Lawyers Conference, Ra Hee published the Hampton Roads Foster Care Guide, which provides a focused list of services available for children aging out of the foster care system in Virginia.

Before joining Pender & Coward in 2021, Ra Hee was a sole practitioner focusing her practice on immigration matters and she also practiced in another local law firm handling civil litigation matters.

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REPRESENTATIVE CASES & TRANSACTIONS

Drafted complex prenuptial agreements and property settlement or stipulation agreements, including negotiation of child custody and visitation and marital property issues.

Completed step-parent adoptions and name change of minors.

Obtained guardianships for incapacitated young adults and the elderly involving specific medical conditions.

Obtained asylum status for client based on "particular social group" (PSG) claim at Arlington Immigration Court.

Obtained special immigrant juvenile status and permanent resident status for unaccompanied alien children, representing them at Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and Immigration Court.

MEMBERSHIPS

VSB International Law Section Board of Governors

VSB Family Law Board of Governors, Past Young Lawyer Liaison

VSB Young Lawyers Conference, Past Second District Representative

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA)

Virginia Beach Bar Association, member and volunteer for Virginia Beach Bar Association CLASS (Concerned Lawyers Advocating Spousal Safety)

Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Virginia (APABA-VA)

National Asian Pacific American Bar Association

Children & Law Commission of the Virginia State Bar (VSB) Young Lawyers Conference (YLC), Past Chair

Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce LEAD 757 Class of 2025

HONORS & AWARDS

Best Lawyers in America, Family Law, 2026 and 2027

Virginia's Legal Elite, Immigration Law, 2021-2025

Coastal Virginia's Top Lawyers, Immigration Law, 2022-2026

Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars, Family Law, 2022-2026

Significant Service Young Lawyer Award - VSB Young Lawyers Conference, 2019, 2020 and 2021

Pro Bono Service Honor Roll, Virginia Access to Justice Commission, 2022

Outstanding Graduate Award – Regent School of Law, LL.M., 2017

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Republic of Korea Embassy/Consulate, Legal Advisor, 2023-Present

City of Virginia Beach, Social Services Advisory Board Member

Montero Medical Missions International, Advisory Board

Tidewater Korean Baptist Church, Sunday School Teacher for 4 th and 5 th graders, 2020-2023

Family law, protective order, and immigration pro bono volunteer attorney

Virginia Beach Bar Association CLASS (Concerned Lawyers Advocating Spousal Safety), volunteer attorney providing pro bono representation to over 10 protective order clients every year