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### Practice overview

*"Mr Baek offers outstanding client care and his advocacy is exceptional."*

Taehyun joined Chambers in October 2022. He accepts instructions in each of Chambers main practice areas: civil, family and criminal law. He also provides drafting and advisory services. Taehyun speaks Korean and is happy to represent Korean clients in family and civil litigation in courts in England and Wales.

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He has been described as an "excellent" advocate for his commitment to client care and advocacy. Recent feedback from instructing solicitors includes: *"It was a pleasure working with Mr. Baek and will definitely recommend for future hearings"* and *"my barrister today was amazing and if possible please can he represent me at the next hearing?"*

Taehyun has a busy practice in the family court, representing cases in private and public children law, family finances and domestic abuse injunctions. He also has years of experience in general civil litigation. He previously worked as an in-house Advocate at DAC Beachcroft, and continues to represent clients in RTA, Credit Hire, and personal injury claims.

Prior to joining the Bar, Taehyun volunteered with vulnerable communities in Ukraine and

Australia. He also went on a humanitarian mission in Vanuatu, focused on enabling diplomacy between native tribes and teaching English to young people. Taehyun is apt at working with vulnerable clients and he understands the importance of advising the client according to their unique circumstances.

## **Children law (public)**

Taehyun accepts instructions in a wide range of hearings in care proceedings, including ICOs, IRHs, directions hearings, fact-finding hearings and final hearings. During pupillage, he was supervised by [Kevin Gordon](#) giving him experience of complex care cases from the very beginning to the final hearing.

He understands the difficult circumstances the client may be in and tailors his service and advice to their particular needs. Recently he represented the mother of a child who was subject to an interim care order by the local authority. He successfully advocated on behalf of the client's resulting in a supervision order in place of a care order. The client was happy with the outcome.

## **Children law (private)**

Taehyun continues to gain experience in all matters of private children law. He accepts instructions in applications for Child Arrangements Orders, Specific Issue Orders, and more.

Early on in his practice he represented the respondent mother for a complex case involving issues of alcohol use, permission to travel to a Non-Hague Convention country and collusion between the applicant father and her ex-partner. Through careful preparation and focused advocacy, he successfully persuaded the Court to prevent the father from taking the children to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which involved considerable risks to the children's welfare. Taehyun was complimented for his excellent advocacy and client care.

## **Family finances**

Taehyun is building his practice in family financial disputes. He accepts instructions for First Directions Appointments, Financial Dispute Resolution hearings and Final hearings.

In a recent case, Taehyun represented the applicant wife who made a s.37 Matrimonial Causes Act 1973 application to set aside a disposition of property made with the intention of defeating her claim for financial relief. Taehyun was successful in obtaining relief from sanction which enabled the client to pursue her s.37 application.

Due to his experience in civil litigation, he is familiar with the more technical and financial aspects of financial disputes. He is also able to act in TOLATA disputes about the ownership of property.

## **Injunctions / Domestic Abuse**

Taehyun regularly represents clients for cases involving domestic abuse and applications for injunctions, including Non-Molestation Orders and Occupation Orders.

His commitment to client care and empathetic qualities enable him to engage with clients on a personal level. He is good at picking up cases at short notice and at mastering the facts in order to be able to argue effectively on behalf of his clients.

## **Civil and property litigation**

Taehyun has years of experience in general civil litigation. He acts for both claimants and defendants, and accepts instructions in small claims and fast track cases. For example, he recently represented a client in a contract dispute where an application to strike out was made and where there was a good level of fees recovery for his client. Tae previously worked as a County Court Advocate working on cases relating to mortgage and housing matters, bankruptcy and the Consumer Credit Act.

He has also represented clients in cases involving contentious probate issues and TOLATA. In addition, Taehyun has worked in housing arbitration with the London Borough of Southwark.

Taehyun is expanding his civil practice and actively encourages instructions for advocacy as well as drafting and advisory work.

## **Personal injury, insurance and credit hire**

Taehyun is experienced in personal injury and credit hire litigation. He previously worked as an in-house Advocate at DAC Beachcroft, a City firm well known for its work in the insurance sector. He accepts instructions for both claimants and defendants and is up-to-date with recent developments in personal injury law.

Recently, he succeeded in an RTA claim representing the claimant who was awarded full damages, including a credit hire claim, and costs. He has also recently worked on a PI matter where the Claimant was successful after a fast track trial and was awarded costs on the indemnity basis. Taehyun is familiar with the intricacies of credit hire and the extensive case law.

## **Education**

- LLB. Laws, London School of Economics, 2017
- Legal Practice for Barristers, BBP Law School, 2019 with Distinction

## Memberships

- Family Law Bar Association
- Resolution

## Prizes

- Exhibition Scholarship from the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, 2018
- International Human Rights Course at the Leitner Centre for Human Rights (New York), 2015

## Languages

- Korean

## Notable Cases

T v T: Taehyun represented the respondent mother in a complex case involving issues of alcohol use, permission to travel to a Non-Hague Convention country and collusion between the applicant father and her ex-partner. He successfully persuaded the Court to prevent the father from taking the children to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, which involved considerable risks to the children's welfare.

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead v W: Taehyun successfully persuaded the court to make no order against his client who was committed for breach of an exclusion order. He identified a procedural error which meant that his client could not be found in contempt of the court order.

Re M: Taehyun represented the mother of a child who was subject to an interim care order successfully obtaining a supervision order in place of a care order.

K v Admiral Group Plc: RTA small claim in which Taehyun was successful in obtaining a judgment on liability for the Claimant, who was awarded full damages including a claim for credit hire.

