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Sung Che Jo practices in the area of general liability matters. Sung Che assists clients in preventing, mitigating and managing exposure through risk, crises, and claims and litigation management.

Prior to joining Wilson Elser, Sung Che was an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Fairfax County, Virginia. In that role, Sung Che prosecuted hundreds of misdemeanors and felonies in Fairfax County General District Court, Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, and the Circuit Court.

Education

- Penn State Law (J.D., 2019)
- William & Mary (B.A., 2012)

Bar Admissions

- Virginia
- Maryland

Court Admissions

- Supreme Court of Virginia
- Supreme Court of Maryland
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association

Services

- Complex Tort & General Casualty
- Specialty Professional Risks

Languages

- Spanish
- Korean

Client Wins

Jarvis & Jo Successfully Defend Homeowners Association on Appeal

Lori Jarvis (Of Counsel-McLean, VA) and Sung Che Jo (Associate-McLean, VA) successfully defended a homeowners association in the lower court when plaintiff condominium owners sued them for failing to affirmatively disclose sub-floor asbestos at the point of sale in 2013, arguing that the bylaws created such a duty. The plaintiffs sought \$80,000 in economic damages and \$350,000 in punitive damages. The plaintiffs appealed and Lori argued the appeal. In an unpublished opinion from the Virginia Court of Appeals, the court agreed with our client, the lower court, and Lori and Sung Che's argument. Appellate Judge Lisa M. Lorish affirmed that the client's alleged nondisclosure could not constitute fraud or concealment in the present case.

Moore and Jo Obtain Dismissal for Tree Removal Company in Catastrophic Injury Claim

Peter Moore (Partner-McLean, VA) and Sung Che Jo (Associate-McLean, VA) successfully argued and obtained a ruling granting their plea in bar and dismissing all claims against client tree removal company in the Circuit Court for Nottoway County, Virginia. The accident occurred while our client performed tree removal services along the highway after an ice storm in Virginia. The plaintiff, who was monitoring the work, was struck by a tree cut by one of our client's employees and sustained significant head injuries and broken bones, and alleged permanent disability. Peter and Sung Che demonstrated that the plaintiff and our client were both subcontractors employed by the Commonwealth of Virginia through various primaries, and therefore, they were statutory co-employees subject to workers' compensation exclusivity pursuant to the Virginia Workers' Compensation Act. The plaintiff argued that the parties were not statutory co-employees because Virginia is not in the business of tree removal, but Peter and Sung Che successfully argued that the test to determine statutory employer is broader in the context of employment by a government entity. The court agreed and granted the plea in bar. This is a significant win for our client because the case involved several contractors and subcontractors involved in the project and threatened to subject our client to extensive discovery and expenses, as well as exposure to millions of dollars in claimed damages.