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Mr. Yong Woo Lee is a senior partner, who has been practicing at Shin & Kim. Since 1999, Mr. Lee has been advising both major domestic and international clients on corporate and regulatory matters. He is particularly known for his mobility sector expertise, including automotive, aviation and logistics.

He has been representing some of the world's top automobile manufacturers, importers and part manufacturers on various legal and regulatory matters. Specifically, Mr. Lee has advised domestic and international clients in their crisis management to successfully resolve challenges caused by safety and environmental issues. Also, he continues to advise clients on legal and regulatory aspects of new industry trends, including EV, connected cars and autonomous vehicles.

Mr. Lee also provides advice on responding to regulations of various major foreign countries, related to supply chain issues, export control, and financial sanctions, etc. that domestic companies face when exporting or investing offshore. He also provides comprehensive advice from legal, policy, and strategic perspectives on various global and transnational risks and legal issues faced by major governmental agencies, global companies, state-owned companies and financial institutions in Korea.

Mr. Lee is also known for his government relations and regulatory affairs expertise for domestic and international clients. He served as an external advisory counsel on competition policy for the Korea Fair Trade Commission ("KFTC") and as a member of the National Assembly's Political Reform Advisory Committee.

Professional Career

1999-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2013	Member of Political Reform Advisory Committee under the National Assembly
2005-2009	Advisory Counsel on Competition Policy, Fair Trade Commission
2004-2005	Foreign Associate, Allen & Overy LLP Brussels Office (EU Competition Law Practice Group)

1997-1999 Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Advised Company A, a global automaker on recall and certification services, etc.
- Advised global automaker B on various legal matters.
- Advised Company C, a global automotive parts company on certification-related works.
- Advised Airline Company D on AOC.
- Advised overseas airline E on aviation-related issues.
- Advised shipping company F.
- Advised logistics center company G on the equipment supply contracts.
- Advised secondary battery producer H on various legal matters.
- Advised rental car company I on various legal matters.
- Advised mobility service company J on various legal matters.
- Advised global defense industry Company K.
- Advised NPS on overseas real estate alternative investment.
- Advised Korea Investment Corporation (KIC) on offshore alternative property investments.
- Advised the Trade Committee of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy on the Act on the Investigation of Unfair International Trade Practices and Remedy against Injury to Industry
- Advised the Trade Dispute Division of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy on the US carbon border adjustment law
- Advised Trade Dispute Division of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy on the US outbound investment review mechanism
- Advised the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy on CFIUS-related issues and establishment of strategies to prevent potential trade disputes
- Advised a construction company on the legal risks in Korea and in other jurisdictions
- Advised a construction company on strategies to avoid sanction risks relating to outbound investment
- Advised client on the UFLPA Entity List
- Advised the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on import regulations
- Advised the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on economic security

Education

2004	University of California, Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law (LL.M.)
1996	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)
1991	Seoul National University College of Social Science (B.A.)

Qualifications

2007	Admitted to bar, New York
1999	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Dilemma situations and ethics issues of self-driving vehicles, Monthly “EV Magazine” Vol. 11, May 2021
- Merger Control in Korea, Getting The Deal Through - Market Intelligence, Volume 6, 2019 (co-authored)
- Merger Control in Korea, Getting The Deal Through - Market Intelligence, Volume 5, 2018 (co-authored)
- Merger Control in Korea, Getting The Deal Through - Market Intelligence, Volume 4, 2017 (co-authored)
- Merger Control in Korea, Getting The Deal Through - Market Intelligence, Volume 3, 2016 (co-authored)
- Merger Control in Korea, Getting The Deal Through - Market Intelligence, Volume 2, 2015 (co-authored)
- South Korea: A Legal Guide to Doing Business in the Asia-Pacific, ABA, May 2010 (co-authored)
- Investing Across Borders 2010, Investment Climate Advisory Services of the World Bank Group, 2010 (Regional Contributor)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for Real Estate, Asialaw Profiles, 2014-2025
- "Leading Individual" for Real Estate, Chambers Asia, 2011-2020
- "Recommended Lawyer” for Real Estate, Legal500, 2014, 2016-2018

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