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Mr. Tong-Gun Lee is a partner at Shin & Kim. Mr. Lee's practice focuses on inbound and outbound M&As, joint ventures and private equity transactions. Mr. Lee has been a major player in the most notable M&A transactions over the years. He has also advised on high-profile hostile takeover litigation and disputes. His vast experience in friendly and hostile M&A transactions and disputes has earned him a reputation as a top-notch, "go-to" M&A attorney for sophisticated documentation and brilliant negotiation.

He has been distinguished as a leading corporate/M&A lawyer by Chambers, Asialaw Profiles, Legal 500 and Legal Times.

He has acted for reputable private equity houses, including IMM, H&Q, Mirae Asset PE and Skylake, as well as strategic investors such as SK Group, Lotte Group, Hanwha Group, OCI, FILA and Novelis.

He has authored numerous articles concerning M&A for international publications and lectured at the Judicial Research & Training Institute and Seoul National University.

Education

2007	Advanced Law Program of Seoul National University, College of Law
2005-2006	Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, U.S.A. (LL.M., 2006)
2004	M&A Specialist Academy of Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Graduate School of Global Business (Certificate of Completion)
1996-2001	Seoul National University, Graduate School of Public Administration (Certificate of Completion, 2001)
1990-1995	Seoul National University, College of Law (LL.B., 1995)

Professional Career

2009	Member of the Coordinating Committee for the Creditor Financial Institutions
2008-Present	Lecturer, Judicial Research & Training Institute, the Supreme Court of Korea
2006-2007	International Lawyer, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York
2003	Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Public Prosecutors' Office
2000-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
1998-2000	Judicial Research & Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Bar Admissions

2000 Korea

Memberships

Korean Bar Association

Korean Securities Law Association

International WHO's WHO Historical Society [2004]

Publications

- Shareholders Agreement(Voting Agreement), The Outline of Corporate Act, 4th edition (March, 2022) (Co-authored)
- The Private Equity Review (11th edition) Part II, Investing - "Korea" chapter, Law Business Research, 2022 (Co-authored)
- The Private Equity Review (8th edition) Part II, Investing - "Korea" chapter, Law Business Research, 2019 (Co-authored)
- Issues Relating to Shareholders Agreement – Mainly From a Drafting Point of View, BFL Vol. 67 (September, 2014) (Co-authored)
- Putting the squeeze on shareholders, Asialaw Korea Annual Review, 2013 (Co-authored)
- Putting on the squeeze, IFLR (November, 2012) (Co-authored)
- Squeeze-out of Minority Shareholders under the Amended Korean Commercial Code, Invest Korea Bulletin (September, 2012) (Co-authored)
- “Education materials for practical matters of (hostile) M&A”, Judicial Research and Training Institute (2008-Present)
- "Legal Issues in Proxy Fighting regarding Management Competition", BFL, Vol. 27 (January, 2008) (Co-authored)
- “Possibility of use of defense means against hostile M&A available the laws of USA in Korean legal system”,

Research of Securities Laws Vol. 8, Edit. 2 (December, 2007) (Co-authored)

- “Foreign Bidders Welcome Korean Takeover Changes”, International Financial Law Review (March, 2005) (Co-authored)
- “Analysis of State v. Kim Bo Eun, Kim Jin Kwan”, Law Journal of Seoul National University College of Law (December, 1992) (Co-authored)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2015-2022
- "Recommended Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal500, 2017, 2019 / "Leading Individual" for Corporate and M&A, Legal500, 2020-2022
- “Leading Lawyer” for M&A, IFLR1000, 2019-2022
- “Leading Lawyer” for Capital Markets, IFLR1000, 2022
- "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate/M&A, Asialaw Profiles, 2014-2022
- "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal Times, 2017, 2019, 2021
- “Korea’s Top 100 Lawyers”, Asia Business Law Journal, 2019
- "Dealmaker of the Year”, ALB Korea Law Awards, 2019
- M&A Deal of the Year - Acquisition of Momentive by SJL, KCC and Wonik, ALB Korea Law Awards, 2019
- Ranked no. 1 for “M&A Power Lawyers”, Korea Economic Daily, 2018

Languages

Korean, English