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Mr. Byung Tae Kim is a partner at Shin & Kim. His main areas of practice include mergers & acquisitions, corporate restructuring and general corporate transactions, and he has been involved in many significant cross-border investments and major mergers & acquisitions.

Mr. Kim has written extensively and conducted research on topics related to securities and M&A law, and corporate law.

Mr. Kim has been providing legal advice on restructuring and conversion to a holdings company for listed companies and financial companies, such as the split and merger of Woori Financial Group, and on large-scale M&A and reorganization, such as the sale of Asiana Airlines. Mr. Kim has been recognized by various media for his expertise in the Corporate/M&A sector, including being selected as an M&A Power Attorney by the Korea Economic Daily.

Professional Career

2014	Lecturer, Seoul National University, School of Law (Finance and Law Course)
2010-Present	Lecturer, Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea (International Contract Law)
2009.2-2013.2	Member of the Board on the Substantial Examination for Delisting from KOSDAQ at Korea Exchange
2008	Member of the Committee for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Legal Services Industry for Ministry of Justice of Korea
2005-2006	Associate, Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP
2000-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
1997-2000	Judge Advocate, Republic of Korea Air Force
1995-1997	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

M&A

- Advised on the sale of Korea Center to MBK
- Advised on the investment in Think Surgical by KDB Investment
- Advised on the transfer of FNC Investment CB by the Dreamus Company to Beyond Music and the acquisition of new shares of Beyond Music
- Advised on the acquisition of Danawa by Korea Center
- Advised on the sale of shares in Kumho Resort by Asiana IDT, etc.
- Advised on the acquisition of AJ Total cold/frozen warehouse business by Stonebridge Capital
- Advised on the acquisition of management rights of Sungwoo NBTech by Hansol Paper
- Advised on the sale of Asiana Airlines to Korean Air (in progress)
- Advised on the sale of Korea Center's shares in the Summerce Platform
- Advised on the acquisition of JFintech, a Thai specialized credit finance company, by KB Kookmin Card
- Advised on the acquisition of LinkPrice by Play Auto
- Advised on the acquisition of KSNET by Stonebridge Capital-Payletter Consortium
- Advised on the acquisition of US DuPont SIC Wafer Division by SK Siltron
- Advised on the sale of Attis Management Rights
- Advised on the acquisition of Summerce Platform by Korea Center
- Advised on the issuance of CB and acquisition of existing shares of Life River by HLB Life Science
- Advised on the Joint Venture of Vale Kapec between Valeo and PHC Group
- Advised on the acquisition of LG Electronics' set-top box business division by Technicolor
- Advised on the acquisition of Hello Nature by SK Planet
- Advised on the acquisition of domestic advertising companies by WPP Group
- Advised on the sale of KB Insurance's stake in LIG Investment & Securities
- Advised on the acquisition attempt of CJ HelloVision by SK Telecom

Reorganization

- Advised on reorganization, including division/merger and tender offer for conversion to holdings company, for Dongguk Holdings, F&F Holdings, Maeil Holdings, Hansol Holdings, and Jongkundang Holdings
- Advised on the split of Woori Financial Holdings and reorganization of Woori Financial Holdings and its subsidiaries, etc.
- Advised on the split-off of Shinsung Engineering & Construction and merger of Hansol Paper and Hansol Art One

Paper

- Advised on Woori Bank's merger with Woori Financial Group (reverse merger), Citibank Korea's merger with Citibank Korea Financial Holdings (reverse merger), and SC Bank Korea's merger with Korea SC Financial Group (reverse merger)
- Advised on KNB Financial Group's merger with Gyeongnam Bank and KJB Financial Group's merger with Gwangju Bank
- Advised on the comprehensive share swap between Hana Financial Group and the Korea Exchange Bank
- Advised on the merger of Sungjin Geotech with POSCO Plantech
- Advised on the division of KB Kookmin Bank Company
- Advised on the consolidation of Kookmin Bank and the Housing Bank

Corporate Governance

- Advised on restructuring KT's corporate governance structure
- Advised on defense against Union Community's attempt to acquire the management rights of Suprema HQ
- Advised on restructuring of the governance structure after the transition of the holdings company system of Dongguk Holdings, F&F Holdings, Mael Holdings, Hansol Holdings, and Jongkundang Holdings
- Litigation and advice to KT&G regarding Carl Icahn's attempt of hostile management disputes

Education

2004-2005	New York University Law School (LL.M.)
1991-1995	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2006	Admitted to bar, New York
1997	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English, Japanese

Professional Activities

- Korea Chapter in Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2016, Law Business Research, 2016 (Co-authored)
- Korea Chapter in Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2015, Law Business Research, 2015 (Co-authored)
- Certain Issues to Be Considered with respect to Equity-Related Bonds in the Context of Corporate Reorganization - with Emphasis on Convertible Bonds and Bonds with Warrants – (Advanced Commercial Law Research Vol. 67, Commercial Affairs Division, Ministry of Justice, July 2014) (Co-authored)
- Korea Chapter in Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2014, Law Business Research, 2014 (Co-authored)
- Recent Developments in South Korean Franchise Laws (ABA SIL Newsletter of International Commercial Transactions, Franchising and Distribution Committee, Fall 2013)(Co-authored)
- “Legal Issues on Corporate Spin-off”, BFL Series 8, Center for Financial Law, Seoul National University, 2013 (Co-authored)
- “International Legal Developments Year in Review: 2012 (Regional and Comparative Law: Asia Pacific)”, The Year in Review, Volume 47, ABA (2013)(Co-authored)
- “Corporate Spin-off and Treatment of Security Interests”, BFL (bimonthly periodical published by Center for Financial Law of Seoul National University) Vol. 49, 2011 (Co-authored)
- “International Legal Developments Year in Review: 2010 (Regional and Comparative Law: Asia Pacific)”, The International Lawyer, Volume 45 Number 1, ABA (Spring 2011)(Co-authored)
- Taking Shape in Korea: IFLR Corporate Governance Guide 2010 (International Financial Law Review, July 2010)
- Analysis of Freeze-outs in Korea: Quest for Legal Framework Synchronizing Transactional Efficiency and Protection of Minority Shareholders (co-author, Journal of Korean Law (Vol. 8), Seoul National University, June 2009)
- "Study on Ill-Gotten Profits from Market Manipulation", Human Rights and Justice (monthly periodical published by Korean Bar Association) Vol. 382 (2008)
- "Study of Fiduciary-Out Provision in M&A Agreements", BFL (bimonthly periodical published by Center for Financial Law of Seoul National University) Vol. 20 (2006)
- "Korean Supreme Court Applies Prohibition on Securities Fraud", Asian Legal Business Issue 6.9, (2006)
- "Study of Deal Protection Measure – Mainly on Exclusivity and Breakup fee", Sang Jang Hyup (semiannual periodical published by Korea Listed Companies Association) Vol. 53 (spring issue) (2006)
- "Comparison and Analysis of the Regulatory System of the U.S., Japan and the U.K. regarding Crossly-listed Companies – Mainly on Disclosure System and Securites Fraud". (A part of the working paper of “Reports on Schemes to Expand Regulatory Infrastructure for Construction of an Unified Hub – System of International Deposit and Settlement of Securities” by the Korea Securities Law Association) (2003)
- "The Ineffectiveness of the Securities and Exchange Act of Korea in Regulating Insider Trading with respect to the Related Companies of a Listed Company", Korean Journal of Securities Law Vol.3-2 (2002)

Professional Accolades

- M&A Deal of the Year - Korean Air's Acquisition of Asiana Airlines and Sale of Asiana Airlines Cargo Business, ALB Korea Law Awards, 2025
- "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal Times, 2019, 2021-2025
- Merger Control Matter of the Year (APMEA) – Korean Air and Asiana Airlines, GCR Awards, 2023, 2025
- "Recommended Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal500, 2019
- "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate/M&A, Asialaw Profiles, 2018, 2019
- "Recommended Individual", Asialaw Profiles, 2015-2017

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