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Hyunju Helen Pak is a senior foreign attorney at Shin & Kim and a member of the firm's banking and finance group.

Her practice concentrates on project financing, real estate financing and institutional investor representation in global private investment fund settings. Helen has extensive experience in cross-border financing and investment transactions and has represented major institutional clients in a wide range of matters. Her clients include National Pension Service of Korea, Korea Investment Corporation, Korea Export-Import Bank, The Korea Trade Insurance Corporation, Korea Development Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, Standard Chartered Bank, Hanhwa Asset Management Co., Ltd., Meritz Alternative Investment Management Co., Ltd., IGIS Asset Management Co., Ltd., Samsung Life Insurance and Samsung SRA Asset Management Co., Ltd. She is ranked as a leading lawyer by Chambers Global and IFLR for Korea in the area of banking and finance.

Helen began her practice at the New York offices of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in 1987 and joined Shin & Kim in 1992. She returned to Simpson Thacher & Bartlett in 1996 and stayed with its Hong Kong office until August of 2001. She then returned to Korea 2003 and joined Horizon Law Group. She became a member of Shin & Kim's banking and finance group in 2007.

Helen received her B.A from Cornell University in 1984 in Government and Economics. She received her J.D. from Columbia University Law School in 1987. She is a member of the New York State Bar. She is a fluent speaker of English and Korean.

Professional Career

2007-Present	Senior Foreign Attorney, Shin & Kim LLC
2003-2007	Senior Foreign Legal Counsel, Horizon Law Group
1996-2001	Senior Corporate Counsel, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, Hong Kong

1992-1996	Associate, Shin & Kim LLC
1987-1992	Associate, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York
1986	Summer Law Clerk, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy
1985	Summer Law Clerk, New York Legal Aid Society

Professional Affiliations

2023-Present	External member, Investment Review Committee, Public Officials Benefit Association

Key Experience

- Advised the National Pension Service on alternative investments in the U.S., U.K., Europe, Japan, China, Southeast Asia, and other regions through real estate, infrastructure, and private equity funds (2010 - Present)
- Advised Korea Gas Corporation, Lotte Chemical Corporation, and others on the development of a gas field and gas chemical plant (worth USD 4 billion) in Surgil, Uzbekistan (2008 - Present)
- Advised the Export-Import Bank of Korea and Korea Trade Insurance Corporation on the ship financing totaling approximately USD 800 million for Scorpio Tankers Inc. (2013 - Present)
- Advised Korea Trade Insurance Corporation on the financing for a petroleum coke-fired gas plant in Louisiana project by Lake Charles Clean Energy, LLC (2013 - Present)
- Advised Korea Trade Insurance Corporation on the financing of the Natural Gas GTL (Gas-to-Liquids) plant project (worth USD 5 billion) in Oltin Yo'L, Uzbekistan (2013 - Present)
- Advised AIG on the refinancing of the Seoul International Financial Center in Yeouido, South Korea (2013 -2014)
- Advised the Export-Import Bank of Korea on the ship financing for an LNG carrier worth USD 1.1 billion for Bonny Gas Transport Ltd., a subsidiary of the NLNG (2013)
- Advised the Export-Import Bank of the United States on the refinancing of a copper mine in Boleo, Mexico (2013)
- Advised Industrial Bank of Korea and other Korean commercial banks on the credit facility for Doosan Infracore's issuance of perpetual bonds worth USD 500 million (2012)
- Advised Industrial Bank of Korea on the letter of credit facility for the issuance of USD 220 million of municipal bonds by CJ Bio America (2012)

Education

2001-2003	George Mason University, Extended Studies Program, Psychology, Human Emotions Research Laboratory (Associate)
1987	Columbia University School of Law (J.D.)
1984	Cornell University (B.A. in Government and Economics, *magna cum laude*)

Qualifications

Admitted to bar, New York

Languages

English, Korean

Professional Activities

- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Banking Regulation 2021: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- South Korea: Cross-Border Financing Report 2016, IFLR, October 2016
- South Korea: Cross-Border Financing Report 2015, IFLR, October 2015 (co-authored)
- South Korea: Cross-Border Financing Report 2014, IFLR, October 2014 (co-authored)
- South Korea: Cross-Border Financing Report 2013, IFLR, October 2013 (co-authored)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual (Band 1)" for Banking and Finance, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2011-2026
- "Leading Individual" for Projects and Energy, Chambers Asia, 2016-2026
- "Leading Individual" for Shipping Finance, Chambers Asia, 2017-2026
- "Leading Individual" for Banking and Finance, Legal500, 2014-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Banking and Finance, IFLR1000, 2011-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Project Development, IFLR1000, 2015-2026
- "Women Leaders", IFLR1000, 2019-2021, 2025-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Banking & Finance, Private equity, Asialaw Profiles, 2013-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Banking, Lexology Index, 2023-2025
- "Korea’s Top Lawyers: A-List", Asia Business Law Journal, 2019-2025
- "Leading Lawyer" for Project Development, IFLR1000, 2015-2024
- "Recommended Lawyer" for Projects and Energy, Legal500, 2014, 2017-2020
- "Foreign Lawyer of the Year", ALB Korea Law Awards, 2020
- "Woman Lawyer of the Year", ALB Korea Law Awards, 2019
- Project Finance Deal of the Year - Bapco’s Refinery Expansion in Bahrain, ALB Korea Law Awards, 2019

- Real Estate Deal of the Year - Land Development Project of Former Renaissance Hotel, ALB Korea Law Awards, 2019
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure Deal of the Year - Canakkale Turkey Bridge and Motorway Project, ALB Korea Law Awards 2018
- "Leading Lawyer" for Securities and Finance, Legal Times, 2017, 2019

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