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Ms. Hae-Seong Ahn is currently a partner at Shin & Kim, whose main practice areas include corporate transactions such as M&A and PEFs, and corporate governance restructuring.

Ms. Ahn has advised clients in major merger and acquisition transactions in Korea. She has expertise in litigation involving transactions of various structures, many of which were the first of their kind in Korea. Ms. Ahn has also represented Korean and foreign companies and fund managers across different industries, advising them on amicable mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, venture capital funding, and the establishment of local subsidiaries. She also has extensive experience in corporate governance, including corporate spin-offs, mergers, and holding companies.

Ms. Ahn obtained her LL.B. from Seoul National University College of Law. She completed the 38th Class of the Judicial Research and Training Institute.

Ms. Ahn has authored articles on various legal issues in the field of mergers and acquisitions and private equity investments. She has also participated as a speaker or a panel guest in many national and international seminars and has been recognized as a Leading Individual in Corporate/M&A by international directories such as IFLR 1000 and the Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

Professional Career

2009-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2007-2009	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Advised Dongwon Industries on its acquisition of Dongbu Express
- Advised Dongwon Systems on its acquisition of Ardagh Metal Packaging American Samoa
- Advised Dongwon Systems on its acquisition of Techpack Solutions
- Advised SKC on the spin-off and sale of its Indus Business Division
- Advised SKC on the sale of its stake in SK Bioland
- Advised SKC and Kolon Industries on the sale of their stakes in SKC Kolon PI
- Advised Stonebridge Capital and Payletter Consortium on their acquisition of KNS-net
- Advised Stonebridge Capital on its acquisition of AJ Cold Storage
- Advised Stonebridge Capital on its investment in Eugene Sonic
- Advised KT on its equity investment in WebCash and its affiliates
- Advised KT on its sale of KT Submarine
- Advised IMM PE on its acquisition of Colmar Pharma Inc. and transfer of operations of Kolmar Korea's Pharmaceutical Business Division
- Advised Hahn & Company PE on its acquisition of Ssangyong C&E Industries
- Advised Hattae Confectionery on the spin-off and sale of its Ice Cream Business Division
- Advised Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation and its financial advisor as the main legal counsel in the project for the privatization of Woori Financial Holdings (including the spin-off of Woori Financial Holdings, the establishment of KNB Financial Holdings and KJB Financial Holdings, and the sale of Gwangju Bank and Kyungnam Bank)
- Advised client in the sale of International Asset Trust to Woori Financial Holdings
- Advised SK Materials on its acquisition of Kumho Petrochemical’s Photoresist Business Division
- Advised Dongbu Group on its sale of Dongbu Express
- Advised Halla Holdings on the sale of its stake in Mando Hela
- Advised Mirae Asset Financial Group and FILA Korea on their acquisition of Acushnet Company, a U.S. golf equipment manufacturer
- Advised Dongyang Group on its sale of Dongyang Power
- Advised Lotte on its acquisition of Times Co., Ltd.
- Advised Kumho Group on its sale of Korea Express
- Advised Lotte on its acquisition of Buy the Way
- Advised Lotte on its acquisition of CS Distribution
- Advised SK Networks on its acquisition of Woongjin Coway
- Advised on the merger of Citigroup Korea and Citibank Korea
- Advised Mirae Asset PE on its acquisition (jointly with Advent International and CDIB Capital) of International Coffee & Tea LLC
- Advised Korea Student Aid Foundation on the sale of its stake in Samsung Everland
- Advised Dongbu Consortium on its acquisition of Daewoo Electronics

- Advised Mirae Asset PE on its investment in CHA Healthcare Operation, a subsidiary of CHA Bio & Diostech, CHA Medical Group
- Advised IMM PE on its acquisition of Daewoo International's stake in Kyobo Life Insurance

Education

2002-2007	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B., 2007)

Qualifications

2009	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2025-2026
- "Rising Star" for M&A/Corporate, Legal Times, 2023 / "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal Times, 2024-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for M&A and Governance, Lexology Index, 2025

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