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Mr. Kyung Don Lee is a senior partner at Shin & Kim and is presently a member of the Management Committee. His main practice areas include corporate matters, M&A, real estate, and real estate finance.

He is particularly seasoned with extensive experience in the areas of real estate and real estate finance, and provided advisory services to foreign investors, including the acquisition of the Gangnam Finance Center and the development project of IFC Seoul in Yeoeui-do, Seoul.

With wide acclaim for his expertise and excellence in real estate matters, Mr. Lee is recognized as a “Leading Lawyer” by renowned global institutions that provide annual rankings in the legal sector, such as the Asialaw, Chambers, and Legal500. He was also listed by Who's Who Legal as a “National Leader” in the Construction & Real Estate sector.

Professional Career

2022	Corporate ESG Management Promotion Task Force Member, Korean Bar Association
2010-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2006-2009	Senior Partner, Evergreen Law Group, Seoul, Korea
1992-2006	Shin & Kim LLC
1998-1999	Foreign Associate, Winthrop, Stlmson, Putnam & Roberts, U.S.A
1989-1992	Judge Advocate, Korean Army
1987-1989	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Advised AIG on the development and sale of IFC Seoul in Yeouido (the largest real estate sale in Korea)
- Advised Kendall Square on its logistics warehouse construction project
- Advised Invesco Real Estate Korea on its sale of Myeongdong M Plaza
- Advised Vestas Asset Management on its acquisition of Bundang Square Building (formerly Samsung Plaza, including the Office/Parking wings)
- Advised Vestas Asset Management on its acquisition of K-Twin Towers in Junghak-dong, Seoul

Education

1997-1998	Columbia University Law School (LL.M., Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar)
1983-1987	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2000	Admitted to bar, New York
1989	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Law Business Research – The Real Estate Law Review, Fifth Edition 2016: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Law Business Research – The Real Estate Law Review, Fourth Edition 2015: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Law Business Research – The Real Estate Law Review, Third Edition 2014: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Law Business Research – The Real Estate Law Review, Second Edition 2013: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Legal Issues of Real Estate Fund, BFL Vol. 52, Center for Financial Law, Seoul National University (March 2012) (Co-authored)
- Type and Issues of Real Estate Transaction, BFL Vol. 21, Center for Financial Law, Seoul National University (January 2007) (Co-authored)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Real Estate, Chambers Asia, 2011-2021 (Band 1), 2022-2026 (Eminent Practitioner)
- "Leading Individual" for Real Estate, Legal500, 2018-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Real estate, Asialaw Profiles, 2019-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Construction and Real Estate, Legal Times, 2017, 2019, 2021-2022, 2024-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Construction & Real Estate, Lexology Index, 2021-2025
- "Korea’s Top Lawyers: A-List", Asia Business Law Journal, 2021-2025
- "Recommended Lawyer" for Real Estate, Legal500, 2014, 2016, 2017

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