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**Ms. Soo Young Song is a partner and the head of the ESG Center at Shin & Kim. Ms. Song's main areas of practice include Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), laws on financial institutions including the Financial Investment Services and Capital Market Act, ship finance, domestic and cross-border asset backed securitization and other structured finance, private equity, acquisition finance, merger and acquisition, and general corporate advisory service.**

Ms. Song advised various domestic and overseas financial institutions on loan documents, fund related contracts, and financial institution related laws. She has also been involved in various ship financing transactions and overseas project finance transactions involving the Korea Export-Import Bank of Korea and Korea Trade Insurance Corporation. In addition, she also successfully completed a number of domestic and overseas asset securitization and other structured finance transactions on behalf of Citibank Korea and Korea Development Bank.

Prior to joining Shin & Kim, Ms. Song worked as a researcher in the financial team at Samsung Securities Research Center for two years from 2003, where she conducted analysis on the non-life insurance, credit card, and securities industries. She graduated from Seoul National University College of Law, completed the 39th judicial training course at the Judicial Research and Training Institute, and received an Executive MBA from Seoul National University Graduate School of Business after completing the two-year course in 2018. Recently, Ms. Song has been providing ESG- and investment-related legal advice to corporate clients of various sizes and industries, ranging from start-ups to large corporations, as well as private equity firms, venture capital firms, and various financial institutions. As an ESG expert, she was appointed as the first female non-executive director of Woori Financial Group and has served as an ESG advisor to the Korea Commission for Corporate Partnership (KCCP), Korea Venture Investment Corporation, Seoul National University, and other institutions.

Ms. Song has been recognized as a leading individual in the fields of finance and ESG by globally recognized legal directories such as Chambers Asia, Legal500 and IFLR1000. Indeed, she was named as a "Leading Lawyer" in the field of Securities and Finance by Legal Times in 2021 and as one of the top lawyers in the “Evaluation of Korean Law Firms by In-house Lawyers - ESG Field” by the Law Times in 2022.

## Professional Career

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| 2024-Present | Director, East Asia Institute |
| 2023-Present | Special Advisor, Alternative Investment Committee, National Pension Service |
| 2023-Present | External member, ESG Management Committee, Korea Venture Investment Corp (KVIC) |
| 2023-Present | Member, Ordinary Disciplinary Committee, National Museum of Korea |
| 2022-Present | External Member, Investment Review Sub-committee, National Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives |
| 2022-Present | Member, Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund Risk Management Committee, Ministry of Employment and Labor |
| 2022-Present | External Member, Alternative Investment Review Committee, National Health Insurance Service |
| 2022-Present | Member, ESG Committee, Seoul National University |
| 2022-Present | Member, Statutory Auditor Appointment Committee, Sanofi-Aventis Korea Co., Ltd. |
| 2022-2024 | ESG Committee Chairman and Outside Director, Woori Financial Group |
| 2022-2024 | Advisory Member, Korea Sustainability Standards Board, Korea Accounting Institute |
| 2021-Present | Member, Steering Committee for ESG Support Project for Suppliers, Korea Commission for Corporate Partnership |
| 2019-Present | Advisory Counsel, Center for Creative Economy and Innovation |
| 2019-Present | Member, Statutory Auditor Appointment Committee, Pfizer Korea Upjohn Co., Ltd. |
| 2019-Present | Member, Statutory Auditor Appointment Committee, Pfizer Korea Co., Ltd. |
| 2010-Present | Shin & Kim LLC |
| 2008-2010 | Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea |
| 2003-2004 | Associate, Samsung Securities |

## Key Experience

### ESG Advice

- Advised a private equity fund on joining and reporting to the UN PRI
- Advised Hansome on EU regulations
- Advised Daelim Group (DL Group) on EU regulation
- Advised SOOP Co., Ltd. on its sustainability report
- Advised Young Poong Group on its sustainability report
- Advised Woori Financial Group on its valuation disclosure

- Advised a Korean listed company on greenwashing of its sustainability report
- Advised POSCO E&C on its mid- to long-term corporate governance
- Advised a listed company on ESG assessment response
- Advised a private equity firm on ESG investment policy and internal business process
- Advised a venture capital firm on ESG investment policy and internal business process
- Advised IMM Investment and Premier Partners on ESG due diligence in connection with the acquisition of a stake in EcoPro Innovation
- Advised MBK Partners on ESG due diligence in connection with the acquisition of a stake in Nexflex Co., Ltd.
- Advised KB Financial Group on voluntary disclosure of sustainability reports
- Advised Chong Kun Dang Holdings on its response to ESG rating agencies
- Advised Silicon Mitus on ESG management diagnosis based on the RBA initiative
- Advised Hyundai Global Service on the establishment of a supply chain due diligence system
- Advised Shinsung E&G, Samyang Foods, Young Poong Group and SD Biosensor on preparation of corporate governance reports
- Responded to an ESG performance inspection of an outsourced management company for Corston Asia
- Advised SoftBank Ventures on ESG investment
- Advised a listed company on the ESG agenda of its shareholders' meeting
- Advised a listed company on response to ESG-related shareholder behavior of institutional investors
- Provided comprehensive advice on ESG-related diagnosis and response to rating agencies for listed companies
- Conducted research on ESG and supply chain related cases and papers for SK Group
- Conducted research on ESG information disclosure system for the Ministry of Environment
- Advised a credit reporting company on ESG evaluation business
- Advised on an ESG-blind fund, the Green New Deal Infrastructure

Advice on Financial Transactions such as Ship Financing, Securitization, Etc.

- Advised Hyundai Merchant Marine (HMM) on the purchase of a second-hand vessel
- Advised a client on the financing of a jack-up barge for the installation of offshore wind turbines
- Advised Korea Citibank on securitization transactions for Lotte Card, Samsung Card, Hyundai Capital, Shinhan Card, etc.
- Advised Jeonbuk Bank on securitization transactions, including Lotte Card, Samsung Card, etc.
- Advised Korea Development Bank on structured transactions, including Shinsegae Property, Bodyfriend, OK Meat, ESG P-CBO, Doosan Heavy Industries & Construction, and SK Shipping
- Advised Korea Trade Insurance Corporation on MSC Ship Financing
- Advised Hanwha Investment & Securities on subordinated investment in the Knutsen LNG carrier

- Advised the Export-Import Bank of Korea on the FOSI container vessel
- Advised Korea Trade Insurance Corporation on ship financing for Seaspan
- Advised POSCO International on the acquisition of ship ownership rights
- Advised Korea Development Bank on ship financing for Seongho Shipping
- Advised Korea Gas Corporation on KC-1 vessels and LNG bunkering
- Advised GS Energy on ship financing
- Advised Dong-A Tanker
- Advised Korea Ocean Business Corporation
- Advised Flex LNG on ship financing
- Advised Sinokor Merchant Marine on ship financing

### Advice on M&A and Investment

- Advised KCGI in its acquisition of Hanyang Securities
- Advised SkyLake Equity Partners in its acquisition of BusinessOn Communication Co., Ltd., an e-tax invoicing solution provider
- Advised SkyLake Equity Partners in the sale of TmaxSoft
- Advised Corstone Asia in the sale of D&T Inc., a manufacturer of monitors for medical applications
- Advised Stonebridge Capital in its acquisition of U-moment, a wedding venue owner and consultant
- Advised Daol on the acquisition of Parkwon, a manufacturer of steel balls
- Advised IBK Venture Investment on its establishment
- Advised Korea Investment Private Equity, KDB Investment, Hana Securities and KB Asset Management on its investment in HyAxiom, Doosan's U.S. fuel cell subsidiary
- Advised Premier Partners, IMM Investment and other investors on investment in EcoPro Innovation, a manufacturer of secondary battery materials
- Advised Helios PE on the sale of ISC, a global semiconductor test solution provider, and the acquisition of new shares
- Advised KCGI and Hwasung Industrial on the acquisition of Meritz Asset Management
- Advised Eventus Equity Partners on its investment in TSI and mPLUS convertible bonds
- Advised Orion Holdings on the establishment of a joint venture with HysenseBio and investment in the company
- Advised SoftBank Ventures on its investment in Class 101 redeemable preferred stock, Bucketplace redeemable convertible preferred stock, DeepCardio redeemable convertible preferred stock, Seadronix redeemable convertible preferred stock, Doctor Now convertible preferred stock, TainAI redeemable convertible preferred stock, Upstage convertible preferred stock, Sketch Partners redeemable convertible preferred stock, Yeolmae Company redeemable convertible preferred stock, Rapport Labs, Brookhurst Garage, Mathpresso, etc.
- Advised Stonebridge Capital in connection with the sale of its stake in DS Dansuk

- Advised Tokopedia on foreign exchange filings for its investment recovery
- Advised Blank Corporation on a share purchase agreement
- Advised I-Yuno Asia Pte. Ltd. on various matters
- Advised Adapt Inc. on investment contracts
- Advised Phlox Inc. on investment contracts
- Advised DSC Investment
- Advised Korea Venture Investment Corporation
- Advised Signite Partners

## Education

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| 2020 | Konkuk University, Graduate School of Real Estate, Completed CEO Course |
| 2016-2018 | Seoul National University, Graduate School of Business, Master of Business Administration (Executive MBA) |
| 2014 | Seoul National University, College of Law, Completed legal research course on finance and securities law (specialized on Financial Investment Services and Capital Market Act) |
| 2005-2008 | Seoul National University, College of Law (LL.B.) |
| 1999-2003 | Seoul National University, College of Humanities (B.A., French language and literature) |
| 1999-2003 | Seoul National University, College of Business Administration (B.A.) |

## Qualifications

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| 2010 | Admitted to bar, Korea |
| 2003 | Certified Securities Investment Advisor |
| 2002 | Certified Public Accountant, AICPA |

## Languages

Korean, English, French

## Professional Activities

- ESG Due Diligence Practices and Future Challenges - Focusing on Domestic and International ESG Due Diligence Cases, Journal of Law and Politics Research, vol. 24, no. 1 (2024) (Co-authored)
- ESG in APAC: Jurisdictional Overview On ESG Reporting, Transition Planning And Greenwashing (South Korea chapter), *Slaughter and May* (September 2023) (co-authored)
- Korea Chapter in Impact Investing and Social Enterprises: Global Progress and Challenges, *American Bar Association* (2022)
- A closer look at investment due diligence in South Korea and the K-Taxonomy, *IFLR ESG Asia Report* (2022)
- Invest KOREA – The Korean Green Taxonomy (K-Taxonomy) Guideline and Its Implications, March 2022

## Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for Banking and Finance, IFLR1000, 2024-2026
- "Leading Individual" for Shipping Finance, Chambers Asia, 2025
- "Key Individual" for ESG, Legal500 APAC Green Guide, 2024
- "Best Lawyer" for ESG, Lawtimes, 2022
- "Leading Lawyer" for Securities and Finance, Legal Times, 2021-2022

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