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James is a Senior Foreign Attorney at Shin & Kim whose practice spans a broad range of cross-border corporate transactions, including M&A, joint ventures, carve-outs, investments and international capital markets transactions. He has extensive experience representing Korean and global private equity firms, Korean conglomerates and listed Korean companies on their cross-border deals.

James also has particular expertise in M&A insurance. He advises both transaction parties and insurers on W&I insurance and the other insurance products used in M&A transactions.

Professional Career

2022-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2019-2022	Yulchon LLC
2017-2019	McCabes Lawyers, Sydney, Australia
2014-2017	Slater and Gordon Lawyers, Sydney, Australia

Key Experience

- Advised on MBK Partners and Youngpoong's tender offer for Korea Zinc and the ensuing contest for control
- Advised on SK Discovery and Hahn & Company's sale of renewable energy developer SK eternix to KKR
- Advised Centurium Capital (the firm behind Luckin Coffee) on its acquisition of Blue Bottle Coffee from Nestlé
- Advised HD Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore Engineering on the merger of HD Hyundai Heavy Industries and HD Hyundai Mipo

- Advised on Boryung's acquisition of global rights to Sanofi's oncology drug Taxotere
- Advised KRAFTON on its investment in K-pop label THEBLACKLABEL
- Advised on Kyobo Life's acquisition of SBI Savings Bank, Korea's largest savings bank
- Advised on Clarios' acquisition of UCAP Power, parent of Maxwell Technologies Korea
- Advised on LG Innotek's strategic investment in U.S. LiDAR company Aeva
- Advised on Asia Pulp & Paper's acquisition of MSS Holdings (Monalisa, Ssangyong C&B) from Morgan Stanley PE
- Advised on EcoPro Innovation's investment in ASX-listed lithium developer Green Technology Metals
- Advised on Meritz Securities' investment in Lotus Technology in connection with its NASDAQ listing
- Advised on OTPP's co-investment with MBK Partners in Medit
- Advised on Kyobo Life's joint venture with AXA Investment Managers
- Advised on KakaoPay's acquisition of a stake in NASDAQ-listed U.S. broker Siebert Financial
- Advised on Handsome's pre-IPO investment in luxury fashion group Lanvin Group
- Advised on Establishment of a cosmetics joint venture among Anchor Equity Partners, L'Oréal and Shilla Hotels
- Advised on Sale of KOSDAQ-listed aesthetic device maker Classys to Bain Capital
- Advised on Carlyle's acquisition of a 10% stake in Hyundai Glovis through a block trade
- Advised on KNW's acquisition of KOSDAQ-listed Solvay Korea (now Fluorine Korea)
- Advised on TPG's acquisition of Health Balance
- Advised on CJ CGV's sale of a stake in its Hong Kong subsidiary CGI Holdings to MBK Partners
- Advised on Big Hit Entertainment (now HYBE)'s acquisition of Pledis Entertainment, home of SEVENTEEN
- Advised on STIC Investments' Series H investment in Southeast Asian super app Grab

Education

2013	University of Sydney (LL.B.)
2008	University of Sydney (B.Com., Accounting)

Qualifications

2014	Supreme Court of New South Wales and High Court of Australia

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- GCR Foreign Direct Investment Regulation Hub 2027: South Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- GCR Foreign Direct Investment Regulation 2026: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)

Professional Accolades

- "Asia 40 Under 40", ALB, 2026
- "Rising Star” for M&A, Herald Economy, 2026

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