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Mr. Soo Kyun Lee is a partner at Shin & Kim. Mr. Lee's main practice areas include M&A transactions, private equity transactions, corporate governance, and conglomerate regulatory matters.

Mr. Lee has extensive experience representing domestic and international corporations in many notable M&A transactions. He also gained experience in high profile hostile takeover litigation and disputes, and advised on shareholders' disputes during his time at Kobre & Kim.

Mr. Lee is licensed to practice law in Korea and is also fluent in English. With such Korean law expertise and English language capabilities, he is well prepared to handle the needs of foreign clients operating in Korea.

Professional Career

2016-2017	Secondment to Kobre & Kim, New York Office
2010-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2012	Secondment to GE Capital
2007-2010	Judge Advocate, Republic of Korea Navy
2005-2007	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

M&A

- Advising on the sale of the majority shareholder's stake in NCOS Co., Ltd. to a third party (in progress)
- Advised IMM Credit Solution on its acquisition of Ourhome
- Advised Hankook Tire & Technology on the acquisition of Hanon Systems
- Advised on the sale of Asiana Airlines
- Advised Meritz Securities and Meritz Capital on their investment in Polaris Shipping
- Acquisition of stake in CGI Holdings, an Asian subsidiary of CJ CGV
- Jaewon Industry's inducement of investment from Stick Investment
- Meritz Securities' investment in Lotus Technology
- Advised IMM Credit Solution on its investment in KT Cloud
- Advised Meritz Securities on its investment in SK Ecoplant
- Advised investors, including Korea Investment Equity Partners, on equity investment in a U.S. subsidiary of a Korean conglomerate
- Represented HY's acquisition of Mesh Korea
- Advised Meritz Securities on its investment in Lanvin Group
- Advised Meritz Securities on its equity investment in Eco Frontier in Singapore
- Advised KDB Investment on its investment in Think Surgical, a medical robot manufacturer in Silicon Valley, U.S.
- Advised Medipost on its investment in Canada-based Omniabio
- Advised on Korea Zinc-LG Chem joint venture for precursors
- Advised Medipost in raising investment from Skylake PE and Crescendo PE
- Advised Meritz Securities, Milestone Asset Management and others on investment in AriBio
- Advised Mirae Asset Management, IMM PE, and Hana Financial Investment Consortium on the sale of their stake in DICC
- Advised Baring Private Equity Asia on the sale of Logen
- Represented IMM PE's sale of Taihan Cable & Solution
- Advised Korea Development Bank on its acquisition of Asiana Airlines' perpetual CB
- Advised Dominus Investment on its investment in Yido
- Advised on recapitalization of EMK, a waste disposal company of Korea Development Bank/IMM Investment
- Advised Daehan Flour Mills on its acquisition of the animal feed business of Daesan & Company
- Advised SK Gas and others on the sale of SK D&D to Hahn & Co.
- Represented Halla's sale of Halla Encom
- Advised Dominus Investment on its investment in convertible bonds of a cell phone parts company
- Advised Hanjin Heavy Industries & Construction Holdings on the sale of HACOR, a U.S. F&B company
- Advised Mirae Asset Capital and others on the sale of Real Estate 114
- Advised Hanjin Heavy Industries & Construction Holdings on the sale of Korea Engineering Consultants Corp.

- Advised Dongbu Express on the sale of its passenger transportation business division
- Advised on joint venture for Kyung Chang Industrial and Bosch, a German company
- Advised Hansol Group on its acquisition of paper producing companies in Denmark and the Netherlands
- Advised Citibank and other creditor financial institutions on the sale of SAMT
- Advised on joint venture for SK Chemicals and Teijin
- Advised Dongbu Group on its acquisition of Daewoo Electronics

Shareholder Disputes, including Management Rights Disputes

- Advised investors in a lawsuit against a major shareholder for breach of shareholders' agreement in relation to a pre-IPO investment
- Defended a hostile M&A attempt against Company H and advised on shareholder disputes
- Advised Company K on a dispute between its first and second largest shareholders
- Advised Company S on its response to activist funds
- Advised numerous other listed and unlisted companies on management rights disputes and shareholder disputes

Education

2016	Northwestern University School of Law (LL.M.)
2008	Seoul National University Graduate School of Law (LL.M. coursework completed)
2003	Yonsei University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2007	Admitted to bar, Korea
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Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Shareholders Agreement (Voting Right Binding Agreement), Corporate Governance Vol. 4, March 2022 (Co-authored)
- Practice Note: Cross-border Joint Ventures – Korea chapter, Thomson Reuter Practical Law, 2021 (Co-authored)
- Practice Note: Cross-border Private Company Acquisitions – Korea chapter, Thomson Reuter Practical Law, 2021 (Co-authored)
- Country Q&A: South Korea - Private acquisitions in South Korea: market analysis overview, Thomson Reuter Practical Law, August, 2020 (co-authored)
- Public Disclosure System related to Corporate Governance, BFL Vol. 97, September 2019 (co-authored)
- Restrictions on transfer of shares in Shareholders Agreement, BFL Vol. 88, March 2018 (co-authored)
- Shareholders Agreement, BFL Series 13, May 2017 (co-authored)
- Issues Relating to Shareholders Agreement – Mainly From a Drafting Point of View, BFL Vol. 67, September 2014 (co-authored)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal Times, 2025
- "Rising Star" for Corporate and M&A, Legal Times, 2021 / "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal Times, 2021-2024