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Ms. Jiwon Kang is a partner at Shin&Kim. Her main areas of practice include M&A, joint venture, private equity, VC investment transactions, startup legal advice, and general corporate legal affairs.

Ms. Kang has been providing advice on major investment transactions on behalf of domestic and foreign PEFs, multinational companies, and domestic and international VCs, and provides advice mainly on cross-border transactions based on foreign language capabilities. Starting with advising Lotte Group on the acquisition of Pakistan's petrochemical company, she provided advice on various cross-border transactions, including CJ Group's acquisition of Schwan's Company and Hanwha Asset Management's investment transaction of major equity in Grab Financial, as well as successfully drawing investments from foreign investors to Kurly, Rael Korea, Lezhin/Kidari, Organica, Saige Research and other leading domestic startup companies, and advised on major equity investments in various domestic PE companies such as Dominus Investment and Industrial Bank PE. Recently, she has also provided advice on various flip transactions, including the relocation of Genome Insight's headquarters overseas (Delaware Flip).

Ms. Kang graduated from Yonsei University College of Law, obtained a master's degree (LL.M) from Stanford Law School and completed the 34th Judicial Research and Training Center, and also passed the New York State Bar Examination in the United States. Ms. Kang served as an International Associate at the Global Law Firm Shearman & Sterling Palo Alto Office, and since 2018, she has been serving as the International Director of the Korean Bar Association and as a member of various associations and committees, including the Risk Management and Performance Evaluation Committee of the Ministry of Employment and Labor's Disabled Employment Fund.

Ms. Kang is recognized as a leading individual in the corporate/M&A field by well-known foreign media such as IFLR 1000 and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

Professional Career

2024-Present Member, Commission on Arbitration and ADR, ICC Korea

2024-Present	Member, Disciplinary Committee for Foreign Legal Adviser, Korean Bar Association
2023-Present	Member, International Committee, Korean Bar Association
2022-Present	Member, Alternative Investment Committee, Korea Federation of SMEs
2022	Member, the Financial Development Council
2021-Present	Member, the Risk Management Committee, National Health Insurance Corporation
2021-Present	Member, Risk Management and Performance Evaluation Committee, Fund for Employment of the Disabled of Ministry of Employment and Labor
2021-Present	Member, Publication Ethics Committee
2021-2023	Member, Committee for Evaluation of National Pension Fund Management
2018	Director of International Affairs, Korean Bar Association
2012-2013	International Associate, Shearman & Sterling, Bay Area Office
2008	Secondment in GE Capital Korea
2005-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2003-2005	Judicial Research & Training Institute, the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Advised on the acquisition of asset management companies by KCGI
- Advised on the sale of Lotte Chemical's Pakistan subsidiary
- Advised on equity investment advisory by investors, including Korea Investment Equity Partners, to large US subsidiaries of domestic companies
- Advised on participation in equity investment bids for U.S. subsidiaries of Korean conglomerate by Koston Asia
- Advised on investment in domestic software development companies by Stick Investment
- Advised on general legal matters on domestic VCs such as Signite and DSC Investment
- Advised on overseas flip work for Genome Insight, other bio-startup companies, and AI-related startups
- Advised on the acquisition of domestic software companies by Bending Spoon (Italy)
- Advised on joint investment transactions with Company T by Lotte Healthcare
- Advised on the sale of DeHolic's domestic PE
- Advised on the recovery of domestic investments in SEDCO Investment
- Advised on major equities in Ido, A&I, Meditox, Daedong Mobility, Amplus, and other major investment advisory services for various portfolio companies by Dominus Investment
- Advised on the acquisition of management rights of Wilby SNT by Dominus Investment/Rotters PE
- Advised on the investment in Organica by CITIC Capital
- Advised on the investment in a U.S. bio company by Premier Partners

- Advised on the sale of Hanjin Heavy Industries by the Korea Development Bank
- Advised on attracting investment in ByteDance by Lezhin/Kidari
- Advised on the investment in Starstech by NH PE
- Advised on the acquisition of Hanbit Green Environment by Industrial Bank/Yujin PE
- Advised on joint investment transactions with Carrot General Insurance and Hanwha General Insurance by Lotte Insurance
- Advised on attracting domestic PE investment/acquisition of landfills by Ido
- Advised on the sale of RSA Security Business by Dell Inc.
- Advised on the acquisition of Chorokmaeul in Jeongyookgak
- Advised on the investment in major equity of Grab Financial and its subsequent SPAC transactions by Hanwha Asset Management
- Advised on attracting investment in DHOLIC
- Advised on the establishment of a blind fund by Paratus Investment
- Advised on the acquisition of Swiss Perfection by Shinsegae International
- Advised on the acquisition of a Convertible Note of Bear Robotics by KT Investment
- Advised on the investment in portfolio companies' management rights or minority investment by Hana Financial Investment PE, NH Investment & Securities PE, and Industrial Bank PE
- Advised on attracting investment in Kurly (Series C, D, E)
- Advised on Millenium's investment in Toss
- Advised on investment in Singapore logistics companies by Cactus PE / Industrial Bank PE
- Advised on recapitalization of waste company EMK by IMM/Korea Development Bank PE
- Advised on investment in the Southeast Asian hotel chain of Mirae Asset's overseas funds
- Advised on the acquisition of Schwan's Company by CJ Group
- Advised on the acquisition of Pepper Savings Bank investment by Pine Tree Asset Management
- Advised on joint venture of Stone Island/Moncler
- Advised on general corporate matters on attracting investors for domestic expansion of technology/start-up/consumer goods companies such as Yuhan-Kimberly, Esprit, Breville, Amazon, GP Club, Kurly, Rael Korea, and The Booth
- Advised on the establishment of a joint venture with PICs of SK Group
- Advised on investment in GM Korea by the Korea Development Bank and representation of Korea Development Bank's in dispute with GM Korea
- Advised on the sale of GE Capital's stake in Hyundai Capital and Hyundai Card
- Advised on the acquisition of Citi Capital Korea by Apro Financial Services Group
- Advised on bids participation for acquisition of Homeplus by Affinity Equity Partners
- Advised on the sale of Dongbu Express by KTB Investment

- Advised on various matters on a continued basis for multinational companies such as GE Group and Molex Korea
- Advised on the purchase of a Danish paper company by Hansol Group
- Advised on the sale of Dongbu Express by the Dongbu Group
- Advised on the sale of GE Capital Korea
- Advised on the sale of Korea Express and Kumho Rent-a-Car by Kumho Group
- Advised on the purchase of CS Circulation by Lotte Group
- Advised on Times, Lotte Group's Chinese Supermarket Chain Store
- Advised on the acquisition of Pakistan's petrochemical company by Lotte Group
- Advised on the establishment of a joint venture in Vietnam by Hansol Home Deco, Higen Motors, and Kolao Holdings

Education

2017	Berkeley Law School (Visiting Scholar)
2012	Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA, USA (LL.M.)
1998-2003	Yonsei University, College of Law (LL.B.)

Bar Admissions

2012	New York
2005	Korea

Memberships

New York State Bar Association
Korean Bar Association

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for M&A, Who's Who Legal, 2024
- "Best Lawyer" for Venture Capital, JoongAng Ilbo, Korea In-house Counsel Association, 2023
- "Leading Lawyer" for M&A, IFLR1000, 2019-2023
- "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal Times, 2021-2023
- "Recommended Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal500, 2020

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