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Ms. Sookmi Lee is a partner at Shin & Kim, mainly practicing in the areas of general corporate matters, hostile M&A, finance, real estate litigations.

Ms. Lee is a seasoned expert with ample experience in drawing out the best practical conclusions in several high profile management dispute cases and shareholder activism cases, representing Hyundai Elevator, Asiana Airlines, Helixmith, Korea Zinc, Hanmi Pharmaceutical, Ourhome, Ador, among others. She engaged in numerous important litigations retained by Shin & Kim, and accumulated several winning track records. Ms. Lee has been winning the title as the leading lawyer year after year, awarded by recognized legal publishers at home and abroad, such as Chambers, Legal500. She has been offering corporate litigation lectures to legal experts at the Korea Bar Association and the Seoul Bar Association, and is a widely-known and highly acclaimed lawyer in both theory and practice.

Professional Career

2005-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2003-2005	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Professional Affiliations

2023-2024	Member, Ethics Investigation Advisory Committee, National Assembly
2021-Present	Lecturer, Corporate Litigation, Korean Bar Association’s training program
2014-Present	Lecturer, Corporate Law Training Course, Seoul Bar Association

Key Experience

- Represented client in a litigation on internet network usage fees between domestic telecommunications service provider and global OTT company
- Represented client in a litigation and advised on the dispute between the shareholders of Ourhome
- Represented client in a litigation and advised on the dispute between domestic conglomerates and foreign shareholders
- Represented client in a litigation related to the employee transfer of top-tier tutors in private tutoring institutes
- Represented client in a preliminary injunction lawsuit related to blocking company division of GM Korea
- Represented client in a litigation related to the site of the Incheon Terminal Department Store
- Represented client in a litigation related to a fire case of a large-scale logistics center
- Represented client in civil and criminal lawsuits related to the collapse of the construction site of a large-scale logistics center
- Represented major corporates in a litigation and advised on minority shareholder actions
- Represented client in shareholder derivative lawsuits
- Represented client in a litigation and advised on dispute over management rights of companies including Helixmith, Melfas, Unichem, D&A Link, Union Studio, Bithumb Korea, Asiana Airlines, Nuri Plan, Golden Bridge Asset Management, Korea Land Trust, and Leading Investment Securities
- Represented client in criminal proceedings of white-collar cases

Education

2012	Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC (LL.M.)
2003	Hanyang University Graduate School of Law (LL.M. coursework completed)
2000	Hanyang University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2005	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Chambers In-Depth Overview – Dispute Resolution: Litigation 2026: South Korea (Co-authored)
- Corporate Governance, Korean Commercial Law Association, 2022 (Co-authored)
- Practical Issues under the Preliminary Injunction for Suspension of the Performance of Director's duty and Appointment of Acting Director, Business Law Review, 2017. 3.

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Dispute Resolution: Litigation, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2018-2025, 2026 (Band 1)
- "Next Generation Partner" for Dispute Resolution, Legal500, 2020-2026 / "Recommended Lawyer" for Dispute Resolution, Legal500, 2018
- "Leading Lawyer" for Dispute Resolution, Asialaw Profiles, 2026
- "Best Lawyer" for M&A and Corporate Governance, JoongAng Ilbo, Korea In-house Counsel Association, 2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Litigation, Legal Times, 2022-2026
- "Best Lawyer" for Litigation, Hankyung Business, 2022, 2024-2025
- "Korea’s Top Lawyers: A-List", Asia Business Law Journal, 2024-2025
- "Lawyer of the Year" for Corporate Dispute, Legal Times, 2018

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