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Michael is a senior foreign attorney at Shin & Kim whose principal areas of practice are banking & finance, infrastructure, energy and M&A.

Michael has broad ranging commercial law experience across a number of jurisdictions, including Australia, Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia, the Philippines, Peru, USA, Canada and Vietnam. He has acted for banks, infrastructure funds, strategic investors and governmental agencies in a wide range of sectors, including infrastructure, media, power, mining, property development, hotels and transport. His clients have included Macquarie Bank, The Walt Disney Company, Shinhan Bank, Kohler Co., John Deere & Co., Kookmin Bank, Thomson Reuters, ACE Insurance, Standard Chartered, Australia and New Zealand Banking Corporation, Woori Bank and Volvo Financial Services.

He began practice in Melbourne with Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks in 1996 (now known as Allens). Michael was seconded as a senior associate to Shin & Kim from 2002 to 2008, before returning to Allens Arthur Robinson's Singapore office. He returned to Shin & Kim in 2010 as a senior foreign attorney. During his time in Korea, he has advised numerous foreign clients in investments in Korea. His in-depth experience in different sectors and different aspects of Korean law allows him to provide commercial and integrated advice, whether it be to a strategic investor in the manufacturing or media sector or a financial investor in the infrastructure sector, Michael has the depth of experience and expertise to assist a client in reaching its commercial objectives in Korea.

Professional Career

2022-Present	Member, Investment Committee, Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation (KIND)
2016-Present	Convener of Law Council of Australia, Seoul Chapter
2016-Present	Board Member, Australian Chamber of Commerce in Korea
2002-Present	Shin & Kim LLC, Seoul

1996-2010	Allens, Melbourne, Singapore

Education

1995	University of Melbourne (LL.B.(Hons) and B.Com., Major in accounting and submajor in finance)

Qualifications

1997	Supreme Court of Victoria and High Court of Australia

Languages

English, Korean

Professional Activities

- Global M&A Law Guide 2026 – South Korea Q&A Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Power Generation, Transmission & Distribution 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Alternative Energy & Power 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Global Legal Insights (GLI), 4th Edition – Fintech 2022: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Project Finance 2022: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Project Finance 2021: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Alternative Energy & Power 2020: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Project Finance 2019: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- IFLR Report – Project Finance 2014: South Korea (Co-authored)
- IFLR Financial regulatory changes in Korea – Financial and Corporate 2015 (Co-authored)
- Asia Legal Business (ALB) – Korean Employers Face Tough Task of Restructuring Salary Scheme, March 2014 (Co-authored)
- Laws & Taxes – What Constitutes “Ordinary Wage” in Korea?, Invest Korea Bulletin, February 2014 (Co-authored)

- Law Business Research – The Projects and Construction Review, Second Edition 2012-2016: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The Korea University Legal Research Institute – A Korean Takeovers Panel? A Look at the Australian Model, The Asian Business Lawyer Vol 9 Spring 2012

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Banking and Finance, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2014-2026
- "Leading Individual" for Projects and Energy, Chambers Asia, 2016-2026
- "Leading Individual" for Projects and Energy, Legal500, 2018-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for M&A, Project Development, IFLR1000, 2015-2025
- "Leading Lawyer" for Banking & Finance, Asialaw Profiles, 2018-2025
- "Leading Lawyer" for Banking, Lexology Index, 2024-2025
- M&A Deal of the Year - Chubb’s acquisition of Lina Korea, ALB Korea Law Awards, 2022
- ALB Korean Super 30 Lawyers, Asia Legal Business, 2021

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