SHIN & KIM



Yookyung Lee

Partner

TEL	+82-2-316-4418
FAX	+82-2-756-6226
E-MAIL	ykyunglee@shinkim.com

Ms. Yookyung Lee is currently a partner at Shin & Kim, mainly practicing in the areas of real estate transactions and development, real estate finance, offshore investment, foreign investment, fund establishment and management under the Capital Markets Act, advisory services related to real estate investment trusts (REITs), and to the Serious Accident Punishment Act for real estate management companies.

Ms. Lee is a member of a real estate alternative investment group which is ranked as Tier 1 by reputed evaluators every year, and mainly engages in large-scale real estate transactions and offshore investment services through collective investment schemes or REIT, and has also provided advice on domestic investment of foreign companies. In this process, she provided advice on financing, sales and lease transactions, and property management agreements related to various types of real estate, including landmark buildings, logistics centers, data centers, industrial complexes, and hotels in Korea and abroad. In addition, after the enforcement of the Serious Accident Punishment Act, she provides advice to asset management companies on the operation and management of real estate related to the Serious Accident Punishment Act.

Ms. Lee graduated Seoul National University's College of Law, earned an LL.M from UC Berkeley School of Law, and completed the 39th term of the Judicial Research and Training Institute. Drawing on her expertise in real estate and finance, she has served as an external member of the National Pension Service's Alternative Investment Committee since 2020. She was also recognized by Legal Times as a Rising Star (2022) and a Leading Lawyer (2025, 2026) in Construction and Real Estate.

Professional Career

2020-Present	External member of Alternative Investment Committee, National Pension Service
2013-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2010-2013	Jipyong

2008-2010 Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

Domestic real estate transactions, development and investment.

- Advised the domestic company on selling the hotel located in Jung-gu, Seoul.
- Advised the domestic fund (collective investment scheme, hereinafter the same) on the real estate acquisition transactions within industrial complexes.
- Advised the large domestic company on acquisition of the office building located in Daegu.
- Advised the large domestic company on the sale of hotel located in Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul.
- Advised the domestic fund on the pre-purchase transactions of the logistics centers.
- Advised the foreign investor on the acquisition of office building in Seoul.
- Advised the foreign sovereign wealth fund on the investment in the office building located in Seoul.
- Advised domestic funds on the development of the data centers.
- Advised the domestic fund on the acquisition of the office building in Jung-gu, Seoul.
- Advised the domestic fund on the acquisition of the office building in Gangnam-gu, Seoul.

Investment in offshore real estate, etc.

- Advised the domestic funds on the acquisition (investment) of the office buildings in Vietnam.
- Advised domestic funds on simultaneous acquisition of French, US and Canadian office buildings.
- Advised the domestic (indirect) funds on investments in offshore collective investment schemes.
- Advised the domestic funds on loan transactions secured by U.S. hotels.
- Advised the domestic fund on the acquisition of the Belgian office building.
- Advised domestic funds on the acquisition of U.S. office buildings.
- Advised Korean National Pension Service on the acquisition of the U.S. office buildings.
- Advised the domestic fund on the acquisition of the French office buildings.
- Advised the domestic fund on the acquisition of the German office buildings.

Advice on Hotel Operation Entrustment Agreements and Other Related Matters

- Advised domestic companies on hotel management agreements.

Advised on the Serious Accident Punishment Act

- Advised domestic asset management companies (collective investment business entities) on the Serious Accident Punishment Act
- Advised domestic asset management companies (for REITs) on the Serious Accident Punishment Act.
- Advised domestic facility management companies on the Serious Accident Punishment Act.
- Advised public companies on the Serious Accident Punishment Act.

Miscellaneous

- Establishment of offshore branches and other entities of domestic asset management companies (U.S., Singapore, UK)
- Advised asset management companies on the operation of domestic real estate funds.

Education

2018	UC Berkeley School of Law (LL.M.)
2008	Seoul National University Graduate School of Law (Coursework completed, Tax Law)
2003	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B., Early Graduation & Summa Cum Laude)

Qualifications

2010	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for Construction and Real Estate, Legal Times, 2025-2026
- "Rising Star" for Construction and Real Estate, Legal Times, 2022

Copyright SHIN & KIM LLC. All rights reserved.