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Mr. Jaecheong Oh is a partner at Shin & Kim and his practice focuses on licensing and registration of financial companies, financial regulation, domestic and international investment (funds, REITs, etc.), fintech (e-finance), virtual assets, and M&As of financial companies.

Since joining Shin & Kim in 2015, Mr. Oh has worked in the Financial Regulation Group, Virtual Assets Practice Group, and Digital Finance Practice Group. He provides in-depth advice to meet our clients' needs for new businesses, products, and business models based on his extensive understanding of traditional financial regulations and diverse experience in handling a broad range of cases involving licensing, registration, advisory service, disputes, and response to regulatory authorities for clients ranging from traditional financial companies to virtual asset business operators, virtual asset-related project teams, fintech, e-finance, and big tech companies.

Mr. Oh graduated from Yonsei University College of Law, earned his J.D. from Yonsei University Law School, and his LL.M. from UC Berkeley School of Law. Mr. Oh currently serves as a delegate to the Korean Bar Association and a member of the International Committee of the Seoul Bar Association.

In addition, Mr. Oh is also an appointed lecturer at the Financial Investment Education Institute, where he lectures on the Capital Markets Act and the Company Act to executives and employees of the National Pension Service, the Korea Securities Depository, and various financial investment companies. He has also been recognized as a “Rising Star” in finance in 2023 by the Legal Times.

Professional Career

2022-Present	Financial Law Lecturer, Korea Financial Investment Association
2019-Present	Delegate, Korean Bar Association (2019-2021, 2023-Present)
2017-Present	International Committee Member, Seoul Bar Association (2017–2019, 2023–Present)

Key Experience

Licensing and Registration of Financial Companies

- Registered a general private equity fund business as an additional business for KT Investment Management.
- Registered Hyphen Corporation as an e-finance business (prepaid electronic payment apparatus issuance and management business, electronic payment settlement agency service business).
- Advised Kendall Square REIT Management on licensing as an asset management company.
- Registered a hedge fund investment business as an additional business for KR& Partners.
- Advised Bank Negara Indonesia (BNI) on licensing of the establishment of a new branch in Seoul.
- Registered multiple financial investment companies as a registered foreign institution.

M&A

- Advised Coupang on its acquisition of TNDN (e-finance business).
- Advised Stonebridge Capital Inc. on its acquisition of KSNet.
- Advised IMM PE on its acquisition of shares in K Bank.
- Advised Neoplux on its acquisition of Wadiz (Crowd Fund Broker).
- Advised SK Planet on its transfer of IMPay business.

Fintech, Virtual Assets

- Won (dismissed) a cases of preliminary injunction to suspend the effect of delisting on behalf of Korean virtual asset exchanges.
- Advised Korean companies on overseas ICOs.
- Responded to FIU's inspections of Korea's No. 1 and No. 2 virtual asset exchanges.
- Advised on recognition of virtual asset securities issued by Korean and foreign virtual asset projects.
- Advised Korean and foreign fintech companies and electronic financial services companies.

Fund, REITs, Issuance of Securities

- Advised JR Global REIT on licensing and deals in connection with its real estate investment in Belgium (Real Estate Deal of the Year, 2020).

- Advised KIND on its Global Infrastructure Fund and Global Plant Construction Smart City Fund.
- Advised ESR Kendall Square REIT on licensing and deals.
- Advised IGIS Global REIT on licensing and deals.
- Advised ESR Cayman Limited on Korean law and its subsidiary listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.
- Advised a Korean company on its direct listing on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange utilizing a Cayman Islands SPC (Precedent case, 2016).
- Advised commercial banks, public institutions, and financial companies on the issuance of overseas bonds.

Criminal Cases, Disputes

- Handled cases of unregistered foreign exchange transactions for about 30 financial investment companies (including the Financial Supervisory Service, prosecutors, and courts) (Obtained suspension of prosecution, suspension of indictment) (Judgment of acquittal in the first, second, and third trials).
- Handled cases of unregistered foreign exchange transactions for electronic financial services companies (Obtained suspension of prosecution).
- Responded to a case of unfair trade practices under the Capital Markets Act.
- Responded to a criminal investigation against a Korean virtual asset exchange and its executives.

Education

2020-2021	University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (Master of Laws (LL.M.) with Certificate of Specialization in Business Law)
2012-2015	Yonsei Law School (J.D.)
2004-2012	Yonsei University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2015	Admitted to bar, Korea
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Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- The International Journal of Blockchain Law (IJBL) – The Virtual Asset User Protection Act: Korea' First Law dedicated to regulating the Virtual Asset Industry comes into effect, Vol. 9, July 2024 (Co-authored)
- International Comparative Legal Guides (ICLG) – Anti-Money Laundering 2023: AML and CFT Compliance in South Korea for Financial Institutions, Cryptocurrencies and NFTs (Co-authored)
- “Study on Improvement of the System for Big Tech Companies Entering Financial Industry”, Shin & Kim, November 2019 (Co-authored; Research and Service ordered by Financial Services Commission of Korea and Korea Credit Information Services)
- “Study on Improvement of Real Estate Investment Company System in accordance with the Change of Financial Environment”, Shin & Kim, November 2019 (Co-authored; Research and Service ordered by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Korea (MOLIT))
- “Study on Establishment and Operation of Korea Overseas Infrastructure Urban Development Corporation”, Shin & Kim, May 2018 (Co-authored; Research and Service ordered by Korea Land and Housing Corporation)
- “Study on Legal Matters and Solution Plan in the Process of Transition to Market Economic System in North Korea”, Shin & Kim, September 2017 (Co-authored; Research and Service ordered by Judicial Policy Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea)
- “Study on Detailed Action Plan to Revival of Overseas Infrastructure Urban Development Project”, Shin & Kim, September 2017 (Co-authored; Research and Service ordered by MOLIT)

Professional Accolades

- Legal Advisor of the Year - First issuance of investment contract securities in Korea, Money Today Korea Legal Awards, 2024
- "Rising Star" for Finance, Legal Times, 2023