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Jiwon Kang is a Partner at Shin & Kim, specializing in Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A), Private Equity, Growth Equity, Venture Capital, startup advisory, and general corporate matters. She has extensive experience advising domestic and international private equity funds, multinational corporations, and venture capital firms on major investment transactions, with a particular focus on cross-border deals, leveraging her strong language capabilities.

Ms. Kang earned her LL.B. from Yonsei University College of Law and obtained an LL.M. from Stanford Law School. She completed the 34th Judicial Research and Training Institute program in Korea and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2012. She has served as a Secondee Lawyer at GE Capital and as an International Associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP's Palo Alto office.

Since 2018, she has held various public and institutional advisory roles, including International Director of the Korean Bar Association, Committee Member for Risk Management and Performance Evaluation of the Employment Promotion Fund for the Disabled under the Ministry of Employment and Labor, Member of the National Pension Fund Operational Evaluation Committee, and Member of the Risk Management Committee of the National Health Insurance Service. Through these roles, she has developed a deep understanding of the needs and practices of Korea's leading institutional investors.

Ms. Kang has been consistently recognized as a Leading Individual in the Corporate/M&A sector by international legal directories such as IFLR1000 and The Legal 500 Asia Pacific.

Professional Career

2012	International Associate, Shearman & Sterling, Palo Alto Office
2008	Secondment in GE Capital Korea
2005-Present	Shin & Kim LLC

2003-2005	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Professional Affiliations

2026-Present	Member, Fund Investment Review Committee, Korea Fund of Funds, Korea Venture Investment Corp
2024-Present	External Examiner, Police Mutual Aid Association
2024-Present	Member, Commission on Arbitration and ADR, ICC Korea
2024-Present	Member, Disciplinary Committee for Foreign Legal Adviser, Korean Bar Association
2023-Present	Director, Kwak Jea-Sun Foundation For Cultures
2022-Present	Member, Alternative Investment Committee, Korea Federation of SMEs
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
2023-2025	Member, International Committee, Korean Bar Association
2022	Member, the Financial Development Council
2021-2024	Member, Publication Ethics Committee
2021-2023	Member, Committee for Evaluation of National Pension Fund Management
2018	Director of International Affairs, Korean Bar Association

Key Experience

- Advised on the acquisition of a portfolio company by VIG Partners
- Advised on the acquisition of a securities company and an asset management company by KCGI
- Advised on the acquisition of a portfolio company by Korea Investment Partners
- Advised on Stonebridge Ventures' investment in Finit
- Advised on the acquisition of Business On Communication and the sale of TmaxSoft by Skylake Equity Partners
- Advised on the acquisition of major interests/equity-linked securities of CHA Biotech and other portfolio companies by STIC Investments
- Advised on the sale of D&T and participation in SK Pharmteco's tender by Corstone Asia
- Advised on the acquisition of PARKWON Co., Ltd. by DAOL PE
- Advised on the acquisition of major interests/equity-linked securities of various portfolio companies, including GS Entec, Mirae Advanced Materials, Yido, ANI, MedyTox, Daedong Mobility and MPLUS, by Dominus Investment
- Advised on the acquisition of managerial rights of Will be S&T by Dominus Investment/Lotus PE
- Advised on Hanwha Asset Management's minority interest investment in multiple overseas start-ups
- Advised on the acquisition of perpetual bonds of Aether CT by Korea Investment Equity Partners

- Advised on investment in HyAxiom by Korea Investment Private Equity, KDB Investment, Hana Securities and KB Asset Management
- Advised on the sale of Dholic to UCK
- Advised on overseas flip by Orum Therapeutics, Genome Insight, FriendliAI and Terapin
- Advised on joint venture transactions between Lotte Healthcare and Company T
- Advised on SEDCO Investment's investment in Nedec and the recovery thereof
- Advised on CITIC Capital's investment in Organica
- Advised on Premier Partners' investment in a US bio company
- Advised on the inducement of investment from ByteDance by Lezhin/Kidari
- Advised on the acquisition of Hanbit Green Environment by KDB/Eugene PE
- Advised on joint venture transactions between Lotte Insurance and Carrot General Insurance/Hanwha General Insurance
- Advised on the inducement of investment from Eastbridge and the acquisition of a landfill by Yido Co., Ltd.
- Advised on the sale of RSA Security Business by Dell Inc.
- Advised on the acquisition of The Chorocmaeul by Jeongyookgak
- Advised on Hanhwa Asset Management's major interest investment in Grab Financial and subsequent SPAC transactions
- Advised on the acquisition of Swiss Perfection by Shinsegae International
- Advised on the acquisition of convertible notes issued by Bear Robotics by KT Investment
- Advised on the acquisition of managerial rights of, or minority interest investment in, portfolio companies by Hana Financial Investment PE, NH Investment Securities PE and KDB PE
- Advised on the inducement of investment (Series C, D, E) by Market Kurly
- Advised on Millennium's investment in Toss
- Advised on Cactus PE/KDB PE's investment in a Singaporean logistics company
- Advised on the recapitalization of the waste management company EMK by IMM/KDB PE and a related dispute
- Advised on a Mirae Asset overseas fund's investment in a South East Asian budget hotel chain
- Advised on the acquisition of Schwan's Company by CJ Group
- Advised on the acquisition of Pepper Savings Bank by Pine Tree Investment & Management
- Advised on a joint venture between Stone Island and Moncler
- Advised on the establishment of a joint venture company between SKC and PIC
- Advised on KDB's investment in GM Korea and represented KDB in its dispute with GM Korea
- Advised on the sale of interests in Hyundai Capital and Hyundai Card by GE Capital
- Advised on the acquisition of Citi Capital Korea by Apro Group
- Advised on the purchase of Homeplus by Affinity Equity Partners
- Advised on the purchase of a Danish paper company by Hansol Group

- Advised on the sale of Dongbu Express by Dongbu Group
- Advised on the sale of Daehan Logistics and Kumho Rent-a-Car by Kumho Group
- Advised on the acquisition of CSMOLL, the Chinese supermarket chain Times and a Pakistani petrochemical company by Lotte Group
- Provided tech start-up/consumer goods companies, including KG Mobility, Lotte Rental, Hyundai Rotem, Yuhan-Kimberly, Esprit, Breville, Kurly and Rael Korea, with general corporate advice and advice on the attraction of investors

Education

2016	School of Law, University of California, Berkeley (Visiting Scholar)
2012	Stanford Law School, Stanford University (LL.M.)
2006	Completion of the Seoul National University Areas of Expertise Legal Research Course “M&A Theories and Practices”
2004	Completion of the US Columbia University Law School International Trade Law Course
1998-2003	Yonsei University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2012	Admitted to bar, New York
2005	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for M&A, IFLR1000, 2019-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal Times, 2021-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for M&A and Governance, Lexology Index, 2024-2025

- "Best Lawyer" for Venture Capital, JoongAng Ilbo, Korea In-house Counsel Association, 2023
- "Recommended Lawyer" for Corporate and M&A, Legal500, 2020

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