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Mr. Seonghoon Yoon is a member of Jipyong LLC's Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) & Funds Group, where he primarily provides legal advisory services on the acquisition and development of real estate through investment vehicles such as REITs, real estate funds (REFs), and project financing vehicles (PFVs).

Specifically, his work includes (i) advising on the establishment of real estate investment companies and asset management companies under the Real Estate Investment Trusts Act, private collective investment schemes under the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act, and PFVs under the Restriction of Special Taxation Act; (ii) conducting due diligence on investment assets such as office buildings, retail complexes, logistics facilities, private rental housing, senior care facilities, gas stations, golf courses, and hospitals; and (iii) advising on legal issues arising from the acquisition, development and transfer of real estate or shares of REITs, funds, and PFVs.

Mr. Yoon is qualified both as an attorney in Korea and as a Solicitor of England and Wales, and also holds a Certified Real Estate Agent license. Drawing on this unique combination of qualifications, he has developed strong expertise in advising on cross-border real estate asset and share deals involving foreign investors. He also provides regular legal advice to foreign real estate consulting, brokerage, and leasing firms operating in Korea, offering practical guidance on regulatory and transactional issues under Korean real estate law.

He has advised government agencies and local governments on legislative research projects, including advisory for the full-scale amendments to the Real Estate Investment Trusts Act (dividends, taxation, and asset revaluation) and the Commercial Building Lease Protection Act (rent, maintenance fee increases, and renewal

rights). He has also advised on the establishment of real estate funds aimed at stabilizing distressed property development projects, contributing to the sound development and revitalization of the real estate market.

Recently, he has been advising landlords (REITs and funds) on legal strategies to protect their rights in connection with the rehabilitation proceedings of Homeplus, as well as on the acquisition and property tax issues related to unsold residential properties purchased and owned by Corporate Restructuring REITs (CR-REITs) under the amended tax laws.

Education

2020	Korea University, Graduate School of Law (J.D.)
2017	Korea University Business School (B.A. in Business Administration)
2014	The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania (Exchange Student)
2009	Daewon Foreign Language High School

Experience

2020-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2020	Associate, Nexus Law Group
2015	Standard Chartered Private Equity (SCPE) Managers Korea, PE Intern (Currently Affirma Capital)

Notable Achievements

[Real Estate Transactions Utilizing REITs, Real Estate Funds, and PFVs]

- Advised SK REITs Management on SK REIT's acquisition of gas stations and water treatment facilities
- Advised HDC Asset Management on a real estate fund's acquisition and planned expansion/remodeling of Namsan Square
- Advised CBRE IM Asset Management on a cross-border sale of CBRE GI logistics centers
- Advised K-Global Asset Management on the acquisition of CenterPoint Seocho
- Advised KB Asset Management on a REIT's sale of Samsung Fire Yeoksam Office
- Advised Together Investment Management on a REIT's acquisition of Sigma Tower, Jamsil
- Advised Hanssem on the sale of its Sangam-dong and Bangbae-dong headquarters
- Advised Kiwoom Asset Management on a REIT's acquisition of Lotte Mall Gwangmyeong
- Advised Pacific Asset Management on a real estate fund's acquisition of Glastower at Samseong Station
- Advised Mastern Investment Management on a real estate fund's acquisition of Musinsa Seongsu-dong Headquarters
- Advised Weave Living on acquisition and leasing of serviced apartments for foreigners
- Advised Kalon Asset Management on the share transfer of a logistics-center-holding company in Uiwang

Technopark Industrial Complex

- Advised Korea Land & Trust on a REIT's acquisition and operation of the Icheon International Logistics Center
- Advised D&O and Koramco Asset Management on a REIT's acquisition of Sangam Dream Tower
- Advised KB Asset Management on a real estate fund's acquisition of a department store in Bucheon
- Advised Hana Alternative Investment Asset Management on a real estate fund's sale of a Bundang data center
- Represented numerous other transactions involving office, retail, logistics, residential, senior care, gas station, golf course, and hospital assets

[Development Projects Utilizing REITs, Real Estate Funds, and PFVs]

- Advised Korea Land & Trust on REIT-based private rental housing developments in Paju Unjeong, Incheon Geomdan, and Yeosu Jukrim
- Advised Cheongna Medipolis Development PFV on the development of Cheongna Medical Complex Town and operation of senior residential housing
- Advised HDC Asset Management on development of the Yongsan Railway Hospital Complex and Gwangwoon University Station Area
- Advised Mastern Investment Management on acquisition and sale of Namsa Logistics Center in Yongin
- Advised Multi-Asset Investment Management on youth housing development projects near Seorim Station and Balsan Station
- Advised Capstone Asset Management on acquisition of development rights for Sewoon Urban Redevelopment District

[Establishment and Operation of REITs, Real Estate Funds, PFVs, and AMCs]

- Advised SK Group on establishment of SK REIT and its asset management company (AMC)
- Advised D&O on establishment of LG-affiliated REIT and AMC
- Advised Heungkuk Asset Management on establishment of a REIT AMC
- Advised Cheongna Medipolis Development on formation and operation of a PFV and AMC for the Cheongna Medical Complex Town Project
- Advised Koramco Asset Management on Shinhan Global Active REIT investment
- Advised Korea Land & Trust on trust structures for PFV leasehold rights
- Advised KB Asset Management on multiple real estate PF restructuring funds
- Advised Hana Alternative Investment Asset Management on a HUG-guaranteed loan blind fund
- Advised multiple landlords (REITs/Funds) on legal measures to protect rights in connection with the Homeplus rehabilitation proceedings

[Real Estate Consulting, Brokerage, and Leasing Businesses]

- Advised Cushman & Wakefield's headquarters in Singapore and Australia on various real estate consulting contracts concerning leasing, sales and acquisition of real estate and shares of real estate vehicles (REITs, Funds, PFVs)

[Legal Research for Amendment of Real Estate Laws]

- Conducted legal research to propose amendments to the Real Estate Investment Trusts Act for the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea
- Conducted legal research to propose amendments to the Commercial Building Lease Protection Act for the Seongdong-gu Office of Seoul Metropolitan City

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2025	Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales
2021	Certified Realtor (Korea)
2020	Korea

Languages

Korean / English