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Mr. Joong Sung Ahn is a partner in the Capital Markets · PE Group. He advises on a broad range of areas including PEF/PE, M&A, IPO/capital markets, financial regulation and consultation for financial companies, overseas expansion of financial companies, criminal finance cases, and business combinations.

He advises on the entire process of complex M&A transactions for PEFs, from the designing of the transaction structure, to conducting of legal due diligence, drafting of various investment agreements and negotiations. He has successfully assisted many domestic and foreign companies such as Vietnamese and Indonesian companies with their IPOs on the Korea Exchange through consultations on matters such as the listing structure, internal control systems and establishment of disclosure systems. He has also provided specialized legal advice to many financial institutions on various financial regulation issues, including governance structure, licenses/permits, disclosure and unfair practice regulation, including insider trading.

His expertise in the domestic/overseas capital markets is rooted in his previous years of civil service at the Financial Services Commission and Korea Fair Trade Commission. Recognizing his expertise, the Korea Financial Investment Association appointed him as a lecturer in 2013, and he continues to lecture on financial and capital markets law to executives and employees of securities companies and asset management companies in Korea. He continues to further his expertise in the capital markets field as a member of both the Korean Securities Law Association and Korea Financial Law Association.

His clients consist mainly of securities companies and asset management companies, including Kiwoom Securities, Shinhan Investment, IBK Securities, and WWG Asset Management.

He holds a conjoint LL.B. and B.A. in Public Administration from Yonsei University and an LL.M. from Yonsei University.

He is a member of the Korean Bar.

Education

2014	Yonsei University (LL.M.)
2009	Yonsei University (LL.B.)

Experience

2016-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2024-Present	Member, Sanctions Deliberation Committee, Venture Investment Company and Venture Capital Association of Ministry of SMEs and Startups
2013-Present	Lecturer, Korea Institute of Financial Investment under the Korea Financial Investment Association
2013-Present	Member, Korean Securities Law Association, Korea Financial Law Association, Financial Supervisory Law Association
2015-2016	Judge advocate, Office of Director of Litigation (secondment), Korea Fair Trade Commission
2014-2015	Judge advocate, Office of Regulatory Reform Officer (secondment), Financial Services Commission
2013-2014	Judge advocate, Incheon Branch of Korea Legal Aid Corporation
2013	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Honors and Recognitions



2025-2026	Next Generation Partner in Capital Markets, Legal 500
2025	Best Lawyer in M&A · PE Practice, JoongAng Ilbo and Korea In-House Counsel Association
2023-2025	Leading Lawyer (Highly Regarded) in Private Equity, IFLR1000
2023	Rising Star in VC & Venture, JoongAng Ilbo
2021-2025	Leading Lawyer in Securities and Finance Practice, Legal Times
2020-2024	Leading Associate in Capital Markets, Legal 500

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2021	Shareholder Activism and Stewardship Code (Co-author), Pakyoungsa
2019	Lexology Getting The Deal Through: Aviation Finance & Leasing 2019 - Korea Chapter (Law Business Research)
2014	Study on the Civil Liability for Insider Trading Under the Financial Investment Services and Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Master's thesis), Yonsei University
2014	Insider's Obligation to Report and Return Short Swing Profits, Yonsei Global Business Law Review, Vol. 6, Issue 1, Yonsei University Center for Global Business and Law

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2013	Korea
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Languages

Korean / English