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Senior Foreign Attorney

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John, as a Senior Foreign Attorney in Jipyong, has extensive experience in consulting various international clients in acquiring various entities in Korea or establishing joint ventures or subsidiaries in Korea.

John also represents Korean clients in cross-border investment projects and M&A deals in various different countries and territories such as the US, United Kingdom, Europe and all throughout South-East Asia.

John is also highly regarded for his expertise in international real estate financing, advising various Korean and international financial institutions in real estate development projects in Korea, Philippines, Guam, the US, Canada, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates, etc. John was the first attorney to successfully secure an international mortgage over a residential development project with foreign financial institutions as international mortgagees in the Philippines.

John is a member of the Illinois Bar (US) and has a Juris Doctor from the University of Illinois (Urbana Champaign).

Education

2004	University of Illinois College of Law (J.D.)
2000	Hankuk University of Foreign Studies (B.A. in Economics)

Experience

2004-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2003	Summer Associate, Shin & Kim
2002	Summer Associate, Yulchon

Notable Achievements

- Served as Lead Counsel in Seah Steel's acquisition of Inox Tech (Italy)
- Served as Lead Counsel in Easy Bio's acquisition of DFS Oskaloosa (U.S.)
- Served as Lead Counsel for Azelis Group's acquisition of Sammichem (Korea)
- Represented ADC&HAS (multinational airport operation company) in Joint Venture in Korea
- Served as lead counsel for the Daewoo-EDS Joint Venture in Korea
- Advised Troika International Resources Development, a PEF on acquisition of shares in Canadian oil company

Newsletters

[JIPYONG LLC - Korea Legal Insight]

- Korea's New Tender Offer Rules: What you need to know about the pending mandatorytender offer rules (Nov. 2, 2025)
- W&I Insurance in Korea: The Rising Demand for W&I Insurance in the Korean Market (Dec. 1, 2025)
- In Anticipation of the Implementation of the Virtual Asset User Protection Act (May 7, 2024)
- Analysis of the First Applications of the Serious Accidents Punishment Act (Jul. 3, 2023)
- JIPYONG's 2022 Year in Review (Jan. 3, 2023)
- Is Your Acquisition in Korea Subject to a Business Combination Filing to the KFTC? (Dec. 5, 2022)
- Private Equity Funds in Korea's M&A Market (Mar. 7, 2022)
- Amendments to the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (Aug. 17, 2021)
- Enforcement of the Amended Act on Reporting and Use of Specified Financial Transaction Information and Regulation of Virtual Asset Transactions (April 19, 2021)
- [ESG] Korea Exchange adopted ESG information disclosure guidance (Feb. 1, 2021)
- Passage of a Proposed Amendment to Corporate Governance Provisions of the Commercial Code (Dec. 21, 2020)
- Proposed Amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the Act on Reporting and Use of Specific Financial Transaction Information (Dec. 7, 2020)

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2004	Illinois

Languages

Korean / English

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