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Mr. Seung Hwan Lee is a Partner in the REITs and REF Group. He represents clients in all facets of real estate investment and development projects, using investment vehicles including REITs and real estate funds.

Mr. Lee has devoted his legal career specifically to real estate finance since he started practice in 2007. Leveraging his knowledge of applicable real estate finance laws and regulations with his broad understanding and experience with diverse transaction structures, he brings a multidisciplinary approach to providing optimal solutions to his clients.

Mr. Lee regularly counsels clients on real estate transactions involving traditional investment targets of REITs and real estate funds, such as office and commercial buildings, as well as real estate development projects that encompass virtually all property sectors, including offices, studio apartments, private rental apartments and warehouses.

Mr. Lee holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Seoul National University and graduated from Konkuk University Graduate School of Real Estate Studies.

He is a member of the Korean Bar.

Education

2014	Konkuk University, Graduate School of Real Estate Studies
2002	Seoul National University (B.A. in Anthropology)

Experience

2020-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2023-2024	Member, REITs Advisory Committee, Korea Real Estate Board
2023	Member, Task force for Reform of REITs Monitoring and Supervisory System, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport
2011-2020	Partner, Nexus Law Group
2009-2011	Associate, One Law Partners
2007-2009	Associate, Jahayeon law office
2007	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Notable Achievements

- Advised HL No.7 Seongsu Project Entrusted Real Estate Investment Trust on the office development project in Seongsu-dong, Seongdong-gu, Seoul
- Advised HL No.6 Seongsu Project Entrusted Real Estate Investment Trust on the office development project in Seongsu-dong, Seongdong-gu, Seoul
- Advised Together Nonhyeon-dong Office No. 8 Real Estate Investment Trust on the office development project in Nonhyeon-dong, Gangnam-gu, Seoul
- Advised Gwacheon Juam Land Replacement Development No. 1 Real Estate Investment Trust
- Advised Shinhan Alpha Seosomun Trustee Management Real Estate Investment Company on the purchase of Seosomun Citi Square Building
- Advised Samjeong Daewoo No.1 Trust Management Real Estate Investment Company on the development project of publicly supported private rental housing in Sinnam-dong, Dong-gu, Daegu, Korea
- Advised Aegis Private Real Estate Investment Trust No. 24 on the sale of Gwanghwamun G Tower
- Advised Hanwha REITs on the purchase of Hanwha General Insurance's Yeouido Building and the purchase of four buildings owned by Hanwha Life Insurance
- Advised Capstone Myeongdong PFV on the purchase of the Yuanta Securities building located in Euljiro, Seoul
- Advised Hanwha REITs on the purchase of Hanwha General Insurance's Yeouido Building and the purchase of four buildings owned by Hanwha Life Insurance
- Advised Yangji SLC PFV on the sale of Yangji SLC Logistics Center
- Advised on sale and purchase of an array of office buildings through REITs and real estate funds, including Seoul City Tower, ING Tower, KAIT Tower, Central Place, West Gate Tower, Samsung Life Insurance Building

in Yeoksam-Dong, KB Financial Tower, Limkwang Building, Jongro Tower, Bundang Square, Hite Jinro Building in Seocho district, Center Point Seocho, etc.

- Advised on investment through REITs in numerous unsold apartments built by Kolong Construction and DAEWOO E&C
- Advised on sale and purchase of numerous warehouses through REITs and real estate funds, including Evergain Logistics Center, Gimpo TJ Logistics Center, CJ Hobeop Logistics Center, GS Retail warehouse, Daesang Yongin Logistics Center, etc.
- Advised on development projects associated with REITs and real estate funds, including Jamsil IPark, Tower 730, Heyground building, Segok-dong Posco the Sharp
- Advised on development of a substitute land at Dongtan 2 District, Hwasung-Si through a REIT
- Advised on purchase and development projects of numerous private rental apartments, including Soowon Kwonsun Ggumegreen, Hwasung Banwol Lotte Castle, Hwasung Gisan SK View Park, Siheung Janghyun Richeville-thestay, Hwasung Bongdam Hillstate, Illsan District 3 IPark, Noryajin Station Area Youth Housing, Mook-dong Station Area Youth Housing, etc.

Honors and Recognitions

2025-2026	Leading Lawyer (Highly Regarded) in Banking and finance, Capital markets, IFLR1000
2024	Notable Practitioner in Banking and finance, Capital markets, IFLR1000
2023-2026	Leading Lawyer in Construction & Real Estate Practice, Legal Times

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2022	Financing and Real Estate Transactions in Korea: Legal Issues and Market Practice (Co-author), Pakyoungsa
2017	Real estate and Financing Project Bible (Co-author), Korea Economic Daily-i
2014	A Legal Study on the Development Project by the Development-oriented Externally-managed REITs (Focus on Mismatches between Laws), Master's Thesis, Graduate School of Real Estate Studies of Konkuk University

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2007	Korea

Languages

Korean / English

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