

Joon Hyuk LEE

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Mr. Joon Hyuk Lee is a Partner in the REITs and REF Group. He has specialized in real estate finance since embarking on his legal career in 2001.

Mr. Lee's main practice focuses on real asset and development project investments through vehicles such as REITs, REFs and PFVs. He regularly advises on a wide array of property sectors, including domestic and overseas commercial offices, retail stores, warehouses, hotels, housing facilities, and rental houses, as well as urban environmental regeneration and development projects. His practice encompasses investments through blind funds, funds of funds, REITs, and financings through listings.

Mr. Lee holds a B.Sc. in Engineering from Seoul National University, an LL.B. from Seoul National University, and completed advanced coursework at Konkuk University Graduate School of Real Estate Studies.

He is a member of the Korean Bar.

Education

2007	Konkuk University, Graduate School of Real Estate Studies
1993	Seoul National University (LL.B.)

Experience

2020-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2025-Present	External Member, Yellow Umbrella Mutual Aid Association
2024-Present	Advisory Member, Real Estate Investment Company, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
2022-Present	Investment Deliberation Member, Local Finance Association
2023-2025	Legal advisor, KEPCO KPS
2022-2023	Member of System Improvement Advisory Committee, KAREIT
2021-2023	Member, Review Committee for Industrial Complex Structure Improvement Projects, Korea Industrial Complex Corporation
2018-2020	Commissioner, Alternative Investment Committee, Teachers' Pension
2016-2020	Commissioner, Housing & Urban Fund Investment Committee, Korea Housing & Urban Guarantee Corporation
2011-2020	Managing Partner, Nexus Law Group
2004-2005	Commissioner, Administration Court, Department of Education, Seoul City
2004	Real Estate Investment Advisor, National Pension Service
2002	Commissioner, Real Estate Agent Examination Committee
2001	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Notable Achievements

- Advised on urban environment regeneration projects including the Myeongdong district 3 urban environment regeneration project
- Advised on urban development projects including Gimpo Hangang Cinepolis and Pangyo Techno Valley
- Advised on warehouse development projects in industrial complexes including the Cheonan Pungse Industrial Complex and Sihwa MTV (Multi-Techno Valley)
- Advised on numerous development projects associated with collective investment vehicles and REITs, including the SK Securities Building development project and the Tower 730 development project
- Advised on investment in public rental housing through REITs such as the Hangangno 2-ga housing for young adults in their 20s or 30s, etc.
- Advised Seoul Investment Management on Changdong urban regeneration new deal project
- Advised on purchase and sale of real estate properties through funds or REITs including Eulji Twin Tower, KDB Life Insurance Tower, Pangyo 6-4 block
- Advised E Kocref CR-REIT on its listing
- Advised on purchase of Gangchon Owners Golf Club
- Advised on numerous foreign real estate investments including purchase of an Amazon warehouse
- Advised on investment through REITs in connection with numerous unsold apartments built by GS E&C and DAEWOO E&C
- Advised AIM and KNHC (Korea National Housing Corporation) on approval of an asset-management

company under the Real Estate Investment Company Act

- Advised on BTO and BTL projects for dormitory buildings of Korea Polytechnic University, Konkuk University, Kangnam University, and Dankook University

Honors and Recognitions



2025-2026	Leading Lawyer (Highly Regarded) in Banking and finance, IFLR1000
2025-2026	Distinguished Practitioner in Real estate, Asialaw
2025	Commendation by the Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (in recognition of his significant contribution to the advancement of Korea's project finance framework)
2023	Top 10 Pioneering Real Estate Lawyers, Business Today News
2021-2026	Leading Individual in Real Estate, Chambers Asia-Pacific
2017, 2019-2026	Leading Lawyer in Construction & Real Estate, Legal Times

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2026	How to Work with Project REITs (Co-author), The Korea Economic Daily
2022	Financing and Real Estate Transactions in Korea: Legal Issues and Market Practice (Co-author), Pakyoungsa
2020	A Study on the Use of REITs as a Fund Raising Vehicle for North Korea's Special Economic Zones, National Land Planning, Vol. 55 (Issue no. 2), Korean Land and Urban Planning Society

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2001	Korea

Languages

Korean / English

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