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Profile

Education

Harvard Law School (J.D., 1996)

Harvard College (B.A., Economics, 1992)

Qualifications

Admitted to bar, New York, 1997

Languages

Korean and English

Areas of Expertise

Mergers & Acquisitions

Private Equity

Foreign Direct Investment

International Practice

Sang Jin Han is a foreign attorney at Kim & Chang's Mergers & Acquisition Practice. He focuses on corporate and private equity mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures with an emphasis on cross-border transactions.

Mr. Han advised a number of strategic, private equity and sovereign wealth funds in inbound and outbound transactions and as sellers and buyers.

Before joining Kim & Chang, Mr. Han worked in New York, Hong Kong and Seoul for more than 28 years at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, where he specialized in cross-border inbound and outbound mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures.

Mr. Han has been recognized as one of the leading corporate/M&A lawyers in Korea by international legal directories such as Chambers Asia-Pacific, Legal 500 Asia Pacific, IFLR1000, Asia Business Law Journal and Asia Legal Business.

Mr. Han received a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1996 and his B.A. from Harvard University in 1992. He is admitted to the New York bar.

Experience

- Kim & Chang (2025-Present)
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Seoul (2014-2025)
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Hong Kong (2008-2014)
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, New York (1996-2008)

Representative Matters

- Advised a consortium of a global private equity fund, overseas sovereign wealth fund, Korean company and a Korean private equity fund in its acquisition of a Korean pharmaceutical company.
- Advised a global private equity fund in its acquisition and sale of a Korean pharmaceutical distribution company.

- Advised a global private equity fund in its acquisition of a controlling interest in a Korean fashion company.
- Advised a global private equity fund in its acquisition of a Korean F&B franchise company.
- Advised a Korean private equity fund in its acquisition and sale of a Korean industrial gas company.
- Advised a Korean private equity fund in its acquisition of a retail market company.
- Advised a Korean private equity fund in its acquisition of a Korean insurance company.
- Advised a Korean private equity fund in its acquisition of a medical devices company in the United States.
- Advised a Korean private equity fund in its sale of a Korean energy company.
- Advised a consortium of Korean private equity funds in its acquisition of a 3PL distribution company based in Canada.
- Advised a Korean medical devices company in its acquisition of a medical devices company in Brazil.
- Advised an overseas sovereign wealth fund in its acquisition of a minority stake in a Korean entertainment company.
- Advised an overseas sovereign wealth fund in its acquisition of a minority stake in a Korean F&B company.
- Advised an overseas sovereign wealth fund in its acquisition of a Korean online travel platform company and its sale of a minority stake to an overseas private equity fund.
- Advised an overseas sovereign wealth fund in the sale of its interest in a Korean online delivery platform.
- Advised a Korean sovereign wealth fund in its direct investments in overseas companies.
- Advised a global big data/AI company in its acquisition of a minority stake in a Korean company.
- Advised a global big data/AI company in its joint venture with a Korean company.
- Advised a Korean company in its acquisition of a US gas turbine service business from a global company.
- Advised a Korean company in its acquisition of a US food company.
- Advised a Korean company in its acquisition of a business from a global auto parts company.
- Advised a Korean company in its sale of a business to a global company.
- Advised a Korean company in its acquisition of a US HVAC company.
- Advised a Korean company in its investment in a mining company in Brazil.
- Advised a Korean company in its sale of minority interest in a Korean subsidiary to an overseas sovereign wealth fund.
- Advised a Korean company in the acquisition and sale of manufacturing facilities in the US.
- Advised a Korean company in its acquisition of a global auto parts company.
- Advised a Korean online platform company in its joint venture with a global online platform company.

- Advised a Korean materials company in its joint venture with a global auto company.
- Advised a Korean robotics company in its investment in a Belgian industrial automation company.
- Advised a Korean company in its acquisition of a US listed company.
- Advised a Korean company in its acquisition of a controlling stake in a US listed company.
- Advised a Korean company in its going private transaction with a US listed subsidiary.
- Advised Korean companies in their venture investments in the US.

Representative Activities

Awards

- Leading Lawyer (Band 1), Corporate/M&A (International Firms): South Korea (Chambers Asia, 2015-2024)
- Leading Partner / Lawyer, Corporate/M&A (Foreign Firms): South Korea (Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2017-2025)
- The A-List: Korea's Top 100 Lawyers, Asia Business Law Journal (2024)
- Notable Practitioner: South Korea – M&A, IFLR1000 (2024)
- ALB South Korea Super 30 Lawyers, Asia Legal Business (2023)