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Ms. Hyo Jeong Ko is an partner in the firm's M&A Group. Her day-to-day work consists of negotiating transaction terms, drafting and revising documents, performing due diligence, overseeing compliance with applicable laws, and providing the legal opinion on PMI. She is ready to assist clients with navigating issues that may arise in M&A transactions. She also advises clients on corporate law matters, including antitrust and labor issues.

Ms. Ko received B.A. summa cum laude in Political Science and International Relations, Philosophy, and Economics from Seoul National University in 2013 while taking classes at George Washington University as an exchange student for the 2011 Fall semester. She received her J.D. Cum Laude from Seoul National University in 2016 with participating in a summer school program conducted by the University of Tokyo in 2013. She also served as an editor of two law reviews in the law school: the SNU Law Review and the SNU Human rights Law Review.

She participated in the "English for Lawyers Program" by American University, Washington College of Law, in July 2019.

Education

2022-2023	Harvard Law School (LL.M.)
2021	Seoul National University, Graduate School of Law (Ph.D., coursework completed, in Labor law)
2016	Seoul National University, Graduate School of Law (J.D., <i>cum laude</i>)
2013	Seoul National University (B.A. in Political Science and International Relations, Philosophy and

Economics, *summa cum laude*)

Experience

2016-Present JIPYONG LLC
2024 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Seoul National University Law School

Notable Achievements

- Advised SK Holding on its acquisition of 51% shares of LG Siltron from LG Corp
- Advised Hyundai Mipo Dockyard on sale of its interest in HI Investment & Securities to DGB Financial Group
- Advised SM Entertainment on its acquisition of music label million market
- Advised the creditors including the Korea Development Bank, etc. on the sale of the management rights of KG Dongbu Steel
- Advised SK Trading International and SK Energy on acquisition of Myanmar Petroleum Company
- Advised Korea Development Bank on sale of stake in 90 non-financial firms to UAMCO
- Advised SK Chemical on execution of a business transfer agreement with Hahn & Company for transfer of the bioenergy business
- Provided strategic counsel to SoCar in the acquisition of a platform-based company
- Advised MUSICOW, the platform for fractional investment in music copyrights, on attracting investment from STIC Investment

Honors and Recognitions

2014 1st Prize Winner at 2014 GA-IN Mock Trial Competition(civil law part) sponsored by Korean Supreme Court
2012 1st Prize Winner at 2012 Mock Fair Trade Commission sponsored by Korean Fair Trade Commission

Speaking Engagements and Publications

[Research Papers]

2019 2019 Guidebook on Business in Myanmar, Korea SMEs and Startups Agency
2018 Study on Plan for Conversion to Good Jobs (joint researcher), Korea Electric Power Corporation
2018 Research Report on Intellectual Property Laws of Myanmar, Korean Embassy in Myanmar

[Column]

2025	[SME Prism] The Meaning and Practical Considerations of Provisions on No Assignment, SME News
2025	[Deal Breaker] ① Considerations for Carve-Out Transactions, Numbers
2025	[Deal Breaker] Technology Security and Cross-Border M&A, Numbers
2025	[SME PRISM] Why Each Interview Question Requires Careful Consideration, SME News
2025	[Deal Breaker] Deteriorating Performance of M&A Target Companies and MAC Clauses, Numbers
2025	Fiduciary duties to shareholders in South Korea: Reform proposals (Asia Business Law Journal)
2025	[Corporate] A Turning Point in Treasury Stock System: Discussion and Impact of Mandatory Cancellation, Legal Times
2025	[SME PRISM] Trade Secrets Leaked via Internet Posts: Countermeasure Plan, SME News
2025	[Deal Breaker] Confirmation of Shareholders of Target Companies, Numbers
2025	[Deal Breaker] Legal Due Diligence in M&A and the Possibility of Criminal Liability, Numbers
2025	[SME PRISM] SMEs Also Subject to Regulation on Consignment Transactions under the Win-Win Act, SME News
2025	[Deal Breaker] Review of 2024: Various Changes in M&A-Related Systems, Numbers
2024	[Deal Breaker] Considerations for Investor Protection Systems Upon Acquiring Listed Shares②, Numbers
2024	[Deal Breaker] Considerations for Investor Protection Systems Upon Acquiring Listed Shares①, Numbers
2024	[SME PRISM] Precautions for Receiving Startup Support, SME News
2024	[Deal Breaker] Considerations When Entering into Confidentiality Agreements in M&A Transactions, Numbers
2024	[SME PRISM] E-commerce SMEs: Caution Regarding Terms and Processing of Personal Information, SME News
2024	[Deal Breaker] Foreign Investment Attraction and Restricted Business Sectors, Numbers
2024	[Deal Breaker] Issues of Loss of SME and Venture Status Due to Acquisition by Large Corporations, Numbers
2024	[SME PRISM] Trademark Use Among Affiliates and Payment of Fees, SME News
2024	[Corporate] Expansion of Stock-Linked Compensation for Employees, Legal Times
2024	[SME PRISM] Precautions Regarding Factory Registration, SME News

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2016 Korea

Languages

Korean / English / Japanese

