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As a Senior Foreign Attorney in Jipyong's Global Business, Mr. Seungmin Lee offers comprehensive legal advice on general corporate matters, with a particular focus on international investment, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), and international construction projects. His expertise extends to complex legal issues arising in Russia, Central Asia, Mongolia, Central and Eastern Europe, India, the Middle East, and Africa.

In particular, Mr. Lee has extensive experience in advising Korean companies on their entry investments in and transactions with Russia and Central Asia. Notable cases include: advising the construction unit of Samsung C&T Corp. on the construction of a skyscraper for the headquarters of Gazprom; advising Incheon International Airport Corporation on the sale of an equity interest in Khabarovsk Airport in Russia; advising KB Kookmin Bank on the sale of an equity interest in a Kazakhstani bank; advising POSCO International on the acquisition of an equity interest in a Russian forestry development company; advising Korea Western Power Co., Ltd. on the establishment of a joint venture (JV) with a Russian state-owned enterprise and on matters relating to a project in Russia; advising a real estate special assets fund established by Consus Asset Management on the due diligence in connection with a loan, the execution of financing agreements, and the recovery of the loan with regard to a hotel located in Russia; and advising Lotte Hotels & Resorts on a franchise agreement for franchise business in Russia.

In addition, Mr. Lee has successfully represented Korean companies in payment claims, invalidity claims relating to rights, and defense of management control, with satisfactory results.

After 2022, Mr. Lee provides comprehensive and strategic legal solutions to clients on sanctions-related matters, including various regulatory reviews and exit strategy reviews, due to economic sanctions against Russia.

Education

2004	Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Faculty of International Law (Ph.D.)
2001	Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Faculty of International Law (M.A.)
1999	Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Faculty of International Law (LL.B.)

Experience

2008-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2026-Present	Member, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Development Committee, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF)
2025-Present	Member, Northern Sea Route Advisory Committee, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries
2014-Present	Legal Advisor, Ministry of Justice for Korean Small-and-Medium Enterprises in the Overseas
2015-2020	Head, Moscow Office
2005-2008	Officer, Korea Air Force

Notable Achievements

- Advised Lotte International on the merger with an agricultural company in Primorsky Krai, Russia
- Advised Korea Investment & Securities on acquisition of equity in a Russian coal company, and advised Bifido on listing on the KOSDAQ market
- Advised POSCO International on acquisition of equity in a Russian forest development company
- Advised Korea Western Power on establishment of a joint venture and projects with a Russian public corporation / Advised Kookmin Bank on approval for establishment of a local representative office in Myanmar
- Advised Incheon Int' Airport Corporation on sale of equity in a Russian airport
- Advised Samsung C&T on a construction project for building the head office (high-rise building) of a Russian public corporation
- Advised Kookmin Bank on the sale of its equity in Bank CenterCredit, a Kazakhstani bank
- Advised Sakhalin real estate fund established by Consus Asset Management on project financing and recovery of investment
- Advised Hyundai Mobis Co., Ltd. on a loan transfer agreement with KB Kookmin Bank and EU sanctions against Russia
- Advised POSCO Holdings Inc. on the manuals for overseas mineral resource development in Australia and Chile
- Advised Samsung Welstory Inc. on its catering business in Hungary
- Advised the International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK) on overseas construction contracts and disputes
- Advised TSI Co., Ltd. on legal matters regarding the detention of employees on a business trip in Georgia, U.S.
- Conducted research for the Korea Testing Laboratory (KTL) on U.S. air environmental regulations

- Advised Ajin Solution Co., Ltd. on the acquisition of overseas entities in Malaysia, Hungary, Egypt, and other jurisdictions
- Conducted research for the International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK) on market conditions and entry strategies for Eastern European construction markets
- Advised Korea Overseas Infrastructure & Urban Development Corporation (KIND) and three other entities on the M10 Industrial Park development project in Lviv, Ukraine
- Advised Hotel Lotte Co., Ltd. on the execution of a Technical Service Agreement
- Advised the Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) on Refund Guarantees (RG) for Zvezda Shipyard in Russia
- Advised LG Electronics Inc. on labor issues for its Russian subsidiary
- Conducted legal due diligence for Hotel Lotte Co., Ltd. on its hotel management contract business in Russia
- Advised LX MMA Corp. on trademark registration disputes in Russia
- Advised PACOM KOREA Inc. on an employment contract for the managing director of its Uzbek subsidiary
- Advised Hyundai Motor Company on potential legal liabilities arising from the suspension of services in Russia

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2018	Investment Guide on Russia, Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency
2017. 12.	Current Status of and Countermeasures for Sanctions against Russia
2012	Outline of Legislation for Resources Development in Ukraine
2012	Outline of Legislation for Resources Development in Rumania
2012	2012 Symposium for Overseas Resources Development
2004	Экологическая составляющая концепции устойчивого развития (международно-правовые аспекты), Ecological component of concept of the sustainable development (International Law aspects), Moscow State Institute of International Relations, a doctor ´s thesis at MGIMO
2000	Конференция ООН по окружающей среде и развитию 1992 г. и устойчивое развитие (1992 U.N. Conference on Environment and Development and Sustainable Development), a master ´s thesis at MGIMO

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2000	Russia
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Languages

Korean / Russian / English