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Mr. Kyuhyuk Kim started his law practice in 2005 and since then has provided legal advice on various transactions, including M&A, PEF and JV. He participated in the foundation of GAON LAW GROUP in 2017. He advises on the entire process of corporate control battles (including hostile takeovers) from the takeover/defense strategy planning, to preliminary injunction and litigation in the course of such takeover/defense as well as the closing, and represents clients in court for preliminary injunction and litigation in such battles. His areas of practice also include providing legal advice on general corporate matters.

Education / Qualification

Columbia Law School (U.S.), LL.M. (2012)
 Seoul National University, Graduate School of Law, Tax Law (Completed Coursework, 2003)
 Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea (31st Class, 2002)
 Admitted to the Korean Bar (41st Korean Bar Exam, 1999)
 Seoul National University, Department of Law, LL.B in Public Law (1999)

Career

GAON LAW GROUP, Head of Corporate Law Practice (2020 .10.- Present)
 GAON LAW GROUP, Partner (2017)
 Sehan LLC, Partner (2015 - 2016)
 HYUN Law, Partner (2014)
 KIM, CHOI & LIM, Associate (2005 - 2014)
 Ministry of Justice, Public Service Advocate (2002 - 2005)

Field of Practice

M&A / Minority Investment / Joint Venture
 Hostile M&A / Corporate Control
 Corporate Governance
 General Corporate Matters

Key Experiences

M&A / Investment / Corporate Finance

Business transfer of Pacific Pharm's pharmaceutical business to Handok (Counsel for the transferor)
 Business transfer of Fine Korea, a bankrupt affiliate of Sajo Group (Counsel for the transferee)
 Transfer of Webzen controlling stockholder's stocks and corporate control to NHN Games (former name)
 (Counsel for the transferee)
 Equity investment in CAP by IMM Investment and others (Counsel for the investor)
 Equity investment in Celltrion by IMM PE and others (Counsel for the investor)
 Equity investment in Midas by IMM Investment and others (Counsel for the investor)
 JV between Handok and TEVA (Counsel for Handok)
 Handok's equity investment in Genexine (Counsel for the investor)
 Equity sale and purchase between Handok and Sanofi-aventis (Counsel for Handok)
 Acquisition by NHN (formerly, NHN Entertainment) of NHN Bugs (formerly, Neowiz Internet) (Counsel for the transferee)
 SM Entertainment's equity investment in ESteem Model (Counsel for the investor)
 SM Entertainment's equity investment in IB Worldwide (Counsel for the investor)
 GS Home Shopping's equity investment in NHNPAYCO (Counsel for NHNPAYCO)
 M&A of KOSDAQ-listed I Company (Counsel for the transferor (the largest stockholder))
 Specialized investment-type PEF's investment in CB issued by KOSDAQ-listed Y Company (Counsel for the investor)
 Specialized investment-type PEF's investment in RCPS issued by unlisted P Company (Counsel for the investor)
 New Technology Business Investment Association's investment in CB issued by KOSDAQ-listed V Company
 (Counsel for the investor)
 S Fund's investment in RCPS issued by unlisted D Company (Counsel for D Company)
 Korea Development Bank's investment in RCPS issued by an early stage bio company (Counsel for the bio company)
 Equity investment in unlisted F Company by KOSPI-listed N Company (Counsel for the investor)
 Acquisition of unlisted M Company (Counsel for the acquirer)

Hostile Takeover / Corporate Control

Sajo Group's hostile takeover of Oyang Fisheries (currently, Sajo Oyang) (Counsel for Sajo Group)

Countermeasures against an attempt to take over the control of Webzen by Neowave and others (Counsel for Webzen)

Hostile takeover of M Asset Management Company (Counsel for the acquirer)

S Industries Company's Battle for Corporate Control (Counsel for the minority stockholder)

Dispute between unlisted A Company's largest stockholder and investor (Counsel for the largest stockholder)

Dispute between unlisted B Company's largest stockholder and investor (Counsel for the investor)

Other various corporate control litigation cases

Other Areas

General corporate matters

Corporate governance