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Education

J.D., Georgetown University
Law Center, 2012 (Staff Editor, *The Tax Lawyer*; Law Fellow, Legal Research & Writing curriculum)

B.A. in Economics, Stanford University, 2009

B.S. in Mathematical and
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Hyungsoo Kim works on a wide range of matters and has significant experience advising buyers and investors in some of the most complicated corporate and M&A deals involving South Korean companies. He is a founding member of the firm's Seoul office and has practiced out of the office since its opening in 2014.

In recognition of Mr. Kim's corporate/M&A work, he has been noted as an Up and Coming practitioner by *Chambers Asia Pacific* since 2024 and honored as a Rising Star by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* yearly since 2022.

His representative experience includes:

- **SK hynix Inc.** in its US\$9 billion acquisition of the NAND memory and storage business of Intel Corporation
- **Hanwha Aerospace Co., Ltd.** in its US\$300 million acquisition of EDAC Technologies Corporation, a manufacturer of complex, large-diameter precision rotating and stationary components for aerospace engine applications
- **Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.** in its acquisitions of:
 - LoopPay, Inc., a mobile payments company, which subsequently led to the worldwide launch of "Samsung Pay"
 - Joyent, Inc., a public and private cloud provider
 - NewNet Communication Technologies LLC, a provider of wireless communications services
- **Korea Zinc Company, Ltd.** in its US\$332 million acquisition of a majority stake in Igneo Technologies, LLC, an e-waste recycling company based in the U.S., and its follow-on acquisition of the remaining stake
- **The Middleby Corporation** in its acquisition of Icetro Co., Ltd., a maker of ice, soft serve and slush machines that are used worldwide in commercial foodservice
- **Hanwha Q Cells Co., Ltd.** in its US\$825 million going-private transaction by way of a merger
- **Visteon Corporation** in the US\$3.6 billion sale of its 70% stake in Halla Visteon Climate Control Corp. to an affiliate of Hahn & Company, a private equity firm, and Hankook Tire Co., Ltd.
- **Kia Motors Corporation** in connection with its joint venture investment in a Croatian autonomous driving technology company
- **an affiliate of Simone Investment Managers Co., Ltd.** in connection with the US\$415 million sale of the Washington Harbour complex in Washington, D.C.
- **affiliates of Hanwha General Chemical USA Corp.** in its (i) Series A investment in GTL Americas, LLC, a multibillion-dollar gas-to-liquid project located in Arkansas and (ii) a series of investments in NextDecade Corporation, a public company listed on Nasdaq
- **City Storage Systems, LLC** (f/k/a CloudKitchens) in connection with its acquisition of a cloud storage company in Korea

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- **Hanwha Solarone U.S.A, Inc.** in its 1.5 GW solar photovoltaic module supply agreement with NextEra Energy Resources
 - **funds sponsored by Simone Managers Co., Ltd.** in the acquisition of (i) a junior mezzanine loan position secured by The Standard Hotel in New York City, (ii) a mezzanine loan position secured by the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco and (iii) a mezzanine loan position secured by The Bluffs at Playa Vista in California
 - **gumi Inc.**, a leading Japanese mobile entertainment content publisher and developer, in its joint venture with South Korea-based YJM Games Co. Ltd. to form Seoul VR Startups Co. Ltd.

Mr. Kim received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, where he was a staff editor for *The Tax Lawyer* and a law fellow for the Legal Research & Writing curriculum. While at Tsinghua University School of Law in 2011, he was the chief articles editor for the *Tsinghua China Law Review*. Mr. Kim received his B.A. in economics and B.S. in mathematical and computational science from Stanford University.