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Michael is a senior foreign attorney at Shin & Kim whose principal areas of practice are banking & finance, infrastructure, energy and M&A. Michael has broad ranging commercial law experience across a number of jurisdictions, including Australia, Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia, the Philippines, Peru, USA, Canada and Vietnam. He has acted for banks, infrastructure funds, strategic investors and governmental agencies in a wide range of sectors, including infrastructure, media, power, mining, property development, hotels and transport. His clients have included Macquarie Bank, The Walt Disney Company, Shinhan Bank, Kohler Co., John Deere & Co., Kookmin Bank, Thomson Reuters, ACE Insurance, Standard Chartered, Australia and New Zealand Banking Corporation, Woori Bank and Volvo Financial Services.

He began practice in Melbourne with Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks in 1996 (now known as Allens). Michael was seconded as a senior associate to Shin & Kim from 2002 to 2008, before returning to Allens Arthur Robinson's Singapore office. He returned to Shin & Kim in 2010 as a senior foreign attorney. During his time in Korea, he has advised numerous foreign clients in investments in Korea. His in-depth experience in different sectors and different aspects of Korean law allows him to provide commercial and integrated advice, whether it be to a strategic investor in the manufacturing or media sector or a financial investor in the infrastructure sector, Michael has the depth of experience and expertise to assist a client in reaching its commercial objectives in Korea.

Education

1995	University of Melbourne (LL.B.(Hons) and B.Com., Major in accounting and submajor in finance)
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Professional Career

2016-Present	Convener of Law Council of Australia, Seoul Chapter
2016-Present	Board Member, Vice-Chairman of the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Korea
2002-Present	Shin & Kim LLC, Seoul

1996-2010 Allens, Melbourne, Australia

Bar Admissions

1997 Supreme Court of Victoria and High Court of Australia

Publications

- Korea Chapter in Getting the Deal Through – Project Finance 2022, Law Business Research 2021 (co-authored)
- Korea Chapter in Getting the Deal Through – Project Finance 2021, Law Business Research 2020 (co-authored)
- Korea Chapter in Chambers Alternative Energy & Power 2020 Guide, Chambers & Partners, 2020 (co-authored)
- Korea Chapter in Getting the Deal Through – Project Finance 2019, Law Business Research 2018 (co-authored)
- South Korea: Project Finance Report 2014, IFLR, November 2014 (co-authored)
- Financial regulatory changes in Korea, IFLR1000 2015 Edition, October 2014 (co-authored)
- Korean Employers Face Tough Task of Restructuring Salary Scheme, Asia Legal Business(ALB), March 2014 (co-authored)
- What Constitutes “Ordinary Wage” in Korea?, Invest Korea Bulletin, February 2014 (co-authored)
- Korea Chapter in The Projects and Construction Review, Second Edition, Law Business Research, 2012-2016 (co-authored)
- A Korean Takeovers Panel? A Look at the Australian Model, The Asian Business Lawyer Vol 9 Spring 2012, The Korea University Legal Research Institute

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Banking and Finance, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2014-2022
- "Leading Individual" for Projects and Energy, Chambers Asia, 2016-2022
- "Leading Individual" for Projects and Energy, Legal500, 2018-2022
- “Leading Lawyer” for M&A, Project Development, IFLR1000, 2015-2022
- "Leading Lawyer" for Banking & Finance, Asialaw Profiles, 2018-2022
- ALB Korean Super 30 Lawyers, Asia Legal Business, 2021
- "Recommended Lawyer” for Employment, Legal500, 2019
- "Leading Lawyer” for Banking and Finance, IFLR1000, 2019
- "Leading Lawyer" for Corporate/M&A, Asialaw Profiles, 2018
- "Recommended Lawyer” for Banking and Finance, Legal500, 2014, 2016, 2017

- “Foreign Expert” for Banking and Finance – South Korea (Foreign Experts-Australia), Chambers Global, 2015
- "Leading Individual" for Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2013

Languages

English, Korean

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