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Ikze Cho works, among others, as a partner in the Korea desk of prominent law firms in Munich, Seoul, and Frankfurt, advising domestic and international companies. Since 2017, he has been helping Korean startups enter Europe by founding TNBT, a European startup law firm, where he advises Korean companies, Korean startups in Europe, and Korean investors from different perspectives.

Mr. Cho has extensive experience in the areas of intellectual property, technology disputes, tax law, and real estate transactions, as well as the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). He has advised Korean fintech, insurtech, and healthcare startups, as well as Korean and European high net worth individuals (HNWIs) on the establishment and operation of family offices and European family foundations. His other experience includes data protection law, tax law, banking and insurance law, and advising soccer players on their entry into Europe.

Education

Augsburg University
1989-1994

Research Associate at the Institute for Comparative Law
1994-1999

Clerkship at the Higher Court of Brandenburg, Germany; PhD candidate at Humboldt University, Berlin
2000-2002

PhD candidate, Sungkyunkwan University
2006-2008

Experience

IPR lawyer, Bardehle IP Law, Munich
2002-2004

IPR lawyer, Lee International, Seoul
2004-2009

Partner, FPS Lawyers, Frankfurt
2010-2016

Managing Partner, Cho Legal Office, Frankfurt
Partner, DLG Law Group
2017-present

Qualifications

Passed the German Bar Examination
2002

Practice Areas

VC/PE
General Corporate/M&A
Startup
Tax
Global Business

Publications

License Agreements, Korean-English edition, Bubyoungsa, Pagenberg, Cho, 2006

GDPR in EU, 13-part newspaper series for Korean companies in the EU, Korean weekly Kyoposhinmun, 2022

IPR and Digital Health Care in Germany, Korean Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), 2022

Languages

German, Korean, English

Professional Membership

Frankfurt/Main Bar Association

German-Korean Lawyers Association (DKJV)

German-Japanese Lawyers Association (DJJV)

Korean IP Professionals in the EU (KIPEU)

Association of Intellectual Property Professionals (VPP)