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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

2017-present

Partner, D'LIGHT Law Group

2023-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, Bubyungsa, 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)

