



## Seok Choi

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Mr. Seok Choi is a partner at Shin & Kim, and his major practice areas include corporate finance, shipping finance, PEF, issuance of securities and asset securitization. He has also gained a wealth of experience in the areas of M&A of financial institutions, project financing, and foreign alternative investments.

Mr. Choi has advised various financial institutions and private equity funds and has led to successful completions of multiple transactions in corporate finance, shipping finance, and issuance of securities since 2014. He has also provided his clients with advice on various cases of offshore real estate investment and investment into fund of funds and general advice on the establishment and operation of several private equity funds.

Mr. Choi graduated from the Department of Economics of the College of Social Sciences at Seoul National University and completed the 43th course of the Judicial Research and Training Institute. He then acquired his LL.M at the Columbia Law School in the US and passed the Illinois Bar Examination. Furthermore, Mr. Choi was seconded to the legal office of the Korea Development Bank from 2021 to 2022.

## Professional Career

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| 2021-2022    | Full-time advisor, Legal Affairs Department, Korea Development Bank  |
| 2021         | Passed the Illinois Bar Exam   |
| 2014-Present | Shin & Kim LLC   |
| 2012-2014    | Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea |

## Key Experience

### **Establishment and investment of private equity fund**

- Advised on the establishment of a private equity fund, and investment into Spectrum Energy Holdings and Volt Power Energy, by Genesis Management
- Advised Genesis Management on investment into the US Calpine Corporation
- Advised JC Partners (formerly J-Stone Partners) on the establishment of a private equity fund, and investment into Kakao Mobility

### **Shipping finance**

- Advised on the subordinated loan investment (French Tax Lease) into two new LNG carriers built by the Norwegian shipping company Knutsen and QatarEnergy

### **Equity Capital Markets**

- Advised on the listing of Globaltelecom Co., Ltd. in the Hong Kong securities market
- Advised on the paid-in capital increase by the Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund

### **Debt Capital Markets**

- Advised on the establishment of the Global Medium Term Note Programme of US\$6,000,000,000, and a resultant issuance of the Basel III Tier 1 Subordinated Notes (Hybrid Tier 1) of US\$500,000,000, by the Shinhan Financial Group
- Advised on the issuance of CHF Global Medium Term Note and USD Floating Rate Note by the Korea Development Bank
- Advised on the issuance of non-guaranteed bonds and short-term bonds by the Macquarie Korea Infrastructure Fund

### **M&A of financial institutions**

- Advised on KCGI's acquisition of Meritz Asset Management

## **Education**

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| 2021      | Columbia Law School (LL.M.)  |
| 2004-2012 | Seoul National University College of Social Sciences (B.A. in Economics) |

## Qualifications

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| 2022 | Admitted to bar, Illinois |
| 2014 | Admitted to bar, Korea    |

## Languages

Korean, English, German

## Professional Activities

- Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Project Finance 2021: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Lexology Getting the Deal Through – Project Finance 2019: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)

## Professional Accolades

- "Rising Star" for Securities and Finance, Legal Times, 2024