



In-Hyoung Cho

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Mr. In-Hyoung Cho is a partner at Shin & Kim, and his main areas of work are state contracts related to national defense and the defense industries, delay damages, sanctions against improper contractors, offset trade, designation of defense contractors, and military crimes.

After passing the judge advocate appointment examination with the highest grades in 1996, Mr. Cho worked as a judge advocate at the Air Force and the Defense Acquisition Program Administration for over 20 years. He was active in various legal fields related to national defense and defense acquisition programs, including acquisition projects, military crimes, disciplinary actions, state compensation, and the Military Administration Act. In particular, he was in charge of general legal affairs related to warship projects, including the combat ship project, KDX project, landing ship business, high-speed ship business, and submarine business, and served as a standing member of the Contract Deliberation Committee, Business Division Working Committee, and International Contract Deliberation Committee, responsible for imposing sanctions and fines on improper contractors.

After joining Shin & Kim, Mr. Cho has accumulated extensive experience while successfully leading many disputes involving many lawsuits and advice related to various issues such as bidding disputes, delay damages, disciplinary sanctions against inappropriate contractors, designation and cancellation of defense contractor, and offsets. In addition, he performed a number of services to improve the defense acquisition program system for the Defense Acquisition Program Administration and the Defense Industry Promotion Association, and conducted many military-related investigations and criminal lawsuits, including on the disclosure of military secrets, obtaining numerous non-indictment and acquittal decisions.

Mr. Cho graduated from Hanyang University School of Law, obtained a master's degree (LL.M) from the University of Minnesota Law School, and completed the Judicial Research and Training Institute as a 12th term judge advocate. After joining Shin & Kim, Mr. Cho served as an outside commissioner of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration's Cost Accounting Deliberation Committee, a court case interpretation commissioner at The Law Times, an adjunct professor in the Department of Aerospace System Engineering (lectured on aviation law) at Sejong University, a commissioner of the Ministry of National Defense's Integrity Defense Public-Private Council, and a commissioner of the Petition Deliberation Council at the Ministry of Defense's Criminal Investigation Command.

Professional Career

2024-Present	Legal Counsel, Korea AeroSpace Administration
2023-Present	Commissioner, Petition Deliberation Council, Ministry of Defense's Criminal Investigation Command
2021-Present	Commissioner, Integrity Defense Public-Private Council, Ministry of National Defense
2016-2020	Adjunct Professor (Aviation laws), Department of Aerospace System Engineering, Sejong University
2015-Present	Court Case Interpretation Commissioner, The Law Times
2015-2017	Outside Commissioner, Cost Accounting Deliberation Committee, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2015-2017	Commissioner, Cost Management, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2015-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2014	Commissioner, Contract Deliberation Committee, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2013-2015	Head of Naval Ships Program Team, Legal Affairs Division of DAPA
2012-2013	Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Joint Chiefs of Staff
2011	Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force Operations Command
2008-2010	Chief of Legal Affairs Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, ROKAF Headquarters
2007-2008	Chief of Human Rights Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, ROKAF Headquarters
2004-2005	Division Chief of Military Public Defense Division, Military Court, concurrently holding Chief of Aerospace Operations Law Research Team
2002-2004	Staff Judge Advocate, Air Force Logistics Command
2001-2002	Chief of Justice Division, Military Court
2000-2001	Head of Legislative and Legal Research, Legislative Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, ROKAF Headquarters
1999-2000	Prosecutor, Prosecution Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, ROKAF Headquarters
1997-1999	Judicial Research & Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

Litigation

- Litigation related to unfair gains and additional dues and reduction of management effort compensation rate
- Litigation on delay damages related to submarine maintenance costs
- Litigation on revocation of designation of defense industry supplies and defense industry companies
- Litigation on delay damages related to rescue ships

- Litigation seeking confirmation of the status of the successful bidder related to the bid for an operational rubber boat of the Public Procurement Service
- Litigation seeking injunction for suspension of bidding procedures related to the research and development project of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration
- Litigation related to termination of contract regarding TACAN supply
- Litigation related to the Surion Helicopter power unit domestic development project
- Litigation on damages related to the crash of Black Eagle
- Litigation related to the bidding of the MND Financial Management Corps (project to build CCTV in the border area)
- Litigation related to T-50B injury damages
- Litigation on delay damages in the manufacture of a next generation Mine Laying Ship
- Litigation on claim seeking security deposit for defense contractors
- Litigation related to unfair trade practices related to the delivery of coast guard ship engines
- Ulsan-class Batch-II ship delay damages lawsuit
- Litigation related to delay damages of follow-up mine countermeasure vessels
- Criminal litigation related to the violation of the Specific Economic Crimes Act (fraud) related to the TICN subcontractor
- Criminal litigation for violation of the Specific Economic Crimes Act (fraud) related to cost fraud
- Criminal litigation for violation of the Capital Markets Act in relation to the trading of over-the-counter stocks
- Criminal litigation for violation of the Urban Rearrangement Act in relation to the selection of developer in redevelopment area
- Criminal litigation related to robbery, assault, sexual harassment, evasion of military affairs, harsh treatment, etc.
- Various criminal lawsuits related to violations of the Military Secret Protection Act

Consultation

- Advised on the cost of defense system contractors and subcontractors
- Advised on sanctions against improper business operators related to collaborating with military food supply
- Advised on exemption and reduction, delay damages, sanctions against improper business operators in relation to foreign marine operation helicopters
- Advised on division of Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering's special ship business division
- Advised on delay damages related to the combat wireless system project
- Advised on revocation of designation of defense materials and defense contractors
- Advised on additional designation of defense contractors related to gas masks
- Advised on the sale of defense contractors
- Advised on revocation of designation of defense contractors related to ship engines
- Advised on restrictions on bidding participation related to core technology R&D

- Advised GE on issues of offset trade in the naval business
- Advised on audit by the Board of Audit and Inspection on Confidential Operations and on duty imposition by the Korea Customs Service
- Advised on ADD core technology R&D
- Advised on the export control of strategic items of foreign companies
- Advised on the improvement of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy's strategic item export control system
- Advised on succession to sanctions in business transfer, etc.
- Advised on delay damages for mine countermeasure vessels and body armor
- Advised on the purchase and procurement of recovered explosives
- Advised on contracts, etc. with munitions sales agents of foreign companies
- Advised on contract amount adjustment due to price fluctuations related to shipbuilding contracts
- Advised on bidding related to the project of the MND Financial Management Corps and sanctions against improper business operators
- Advised on K9 Egypt Export Project
- Advised foreign companies on the PBL contract of the DAPA
- Advised on delay damages exemption and offset trade for large transport aircraft of foreign companies
- Advised on contracts with foreign companies related to the KF-X system development project
- Performed services related to the improvement of after-contract management by the Korea Defense Industry Association
- Conducted research on ways to improve the security deposit system of the Korea Defense Industry Association for naval vessels and intermediate payment
- Performed legal-based research services for the development of the defense industry and the enhancement of competitiveness of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration
- Performed legal advice on the improvement and maintenance of the standard international agreement of the Defense Acquisition Program Administration
- Review in connection with the ADD's TICN combat network radio system prototype development project
- Legal review of issues at point relating to R&D tasks under the ADD's civil-military technology cooperation program
- Review in connection with contracts for the ADD's existing military force performance maximization program
- Review in connection with the ADD's next-generation amphibious assault vehicle exploratory development project
- Review of the airworthiness certification standards in connection with the ADD's development of the 00 aircraft
- Review of a contract for the manufacturing of a completed launch vehicle in connection with the ADD's development of the 00 missile
- Review in connection with a design change relating to the Korea AeroSpace Administration's next-generation launch vehicle development project
- Provision of legal advice in connection with the Korea AeroSpace Administration's project management guidelines
- Review of issues relating to liabilities for damages in connection with the launch of a space object by the Korea

AeroSpace Administration between the launching state and the administration

Education

2005-2006	University of Minnesota Law School (LL.M.)
1988-1995	Hanyang University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

1999	Admitted to bar, Korea
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Languages

Korean, English

Awards

2014	Commendation from Minister of DAPA
2011	Commendation from Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
2011	Letter of appreciation from the Commander of 7th Air Force USFK
2010	Commendation from Minister of Justice
2009	Commendation from Minister of National Defense