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Cheolgap Im is an associate at Shin & Kim whose practice focuses on public procurement, state-owned property, government subsidies, public sanctions, environment and construction.

Mr. Im graduated summa cum laude and one year early from Hanyang University College of Policy, received his J.D. summa cum laude from Yonsei University Law School and has passed the 8th Bar Examination.

Since joining Shin & Kim in 2019, Mr. Im has handled many major disputes in the public sector, including public procurement (national and local contracts, design change, delay compensation, defect litigation, and preliminary bidding regulations for construction works), state-owned property (occupation and use licenses, loan agreements, and gratuitous reversion), government subsidies (debarment, confiscation, surcharges), public sanctions (cancellation of the confirmation of direct production, exclusion from bidding qualifications, suspension of business operations, penalties for shoddy construction), environment (various environmental levies, investigation orders, cleanup orders), and construction (construction cost claims, cost sharing, local housing associations).

Professional Career

2019-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2026	Lecturer in Administrative Law, Jeonbuk National University Law School

Key Experience

Public Procurement

- Represented a client against termination of bid registration due to non-conformity in direct production
- Represented a client against debarment from the bidding process due to non-conformity in direct production
- Represented a client against suspension from trading on a national marketplace for violation of contract terms
- Represented a client in litigation against the withdrawal of an award of excellent product designation from the Public Procurement Service
- Represented a client in obtaining preliminary injunction to preserve the confirmation of a defense contractor's status as an awardee in a bidding process
- Represented a client in obtaining preliminary injunction against deduction of bid qualification points
- Represented a defense contractor in a case involving a claim for payment for goods delivered by a defense contractor
- Represented a small and medium-sized company in a request for arbitration of a contract dispute under the State Contracts Act
- Represented a client against a claim for damages arising from interference with parallel imports

State-Owned Property

- Represented a client in an action for annulment of road tolls
- Represented a client in an action to annul the imposition of a fee for the use of common property
- Represented the government of the Republic of Korea in a claim to recover ancestral land
- Represented a client in a case involving unjust enrichment concerning unreasonable common property loan fees
- Represented a client in an administrative case challenging the illegality of an administrative agency's failure to act on a loan application for state-owned property
- Represented a client in a case to confirm the existence of a right to purchase fixtures in connection with a lease agreement
- Represented a client in a claim for restitution of unjust enrichment in connection with the gratuitous reversion of state property due to redevelopment, etc.
- Represented a client in a claim for damages in connection with the restitution of property under the Farmland Reform Act
- Representation regarding the calculation of fees for mandatory facilities under the Telecommunications Business Act
- Litigation seeking revocation of disposition imposing railway land usage fees

Administrative and constitutional litigation

- Litigation seeking revocation of disposition ordering a major shareholder of a mutual savings bank to maintain eligibility requirements and dispose of shares
- Represented a client in a claim for reimbursement of training expenses and additional taxes based on improper

payment of training expenses under the Vocational Training Promotion Act

- Represented a client in a marine boundary dispute between Jeollanam-do and Gyeongsangnam-do
- Represented a client in a marine boundary dispute between Haenam County and Jindo County
- Case of jurisdictional dispute regarding the maritime boundary between Jeju-do and Wando-gun
- Represented a client in a claim for reversal of the denial of an application to exclude prohibited activities and facilities in an environmental education zone
- Represented a client in a case before the Supreme Court of Korea regarding the allocation of landfills in the common water surface near Pier 2 and Pier 3 of Busan North Port
- Represented a client in an action to revoke an order to return a subsidy to a local government for fraudulent receipt of the subsidy
- Represented a client in an administrative case and appealed an order of the discharge of military personnel
- Litigation seeking revocation of disposition denying reappointment for a university faculty member, university professor
- Represented a client in a claim for reversal of an order to return a subsidy to a local government for using the subsidy for unintended purposes
- Litigation seeking revocation of disposition terminating agreements and ordering recovery related to subsidies and grants
- Represented a client in an action to overturn a suspension of sales activities related to pharmaceutical rebates
- Represented a client in an action to overturn a decision to review an opinion on the interpretation of a collective bargaining agreement

Environment

- Represented a client in an action to overturn a closure order based on pollutant emissions under the Air Pollution Control Act
- Represented a client in an administrative appeal to revoke notifications following the environmental impact assessment consultations
- Represented a client in an action to revoke the notification of non-conformity of the business plan for the intermediate treatment of construction waste
- Represented a client in criminal proceedings for violation of the Water Environment Protection Act due to unauthorized disposal of food waste
- Represented a client in an action to revoke a soil investigation order under the Soil Environmental Protection Act
- Litigation seeking revocation of soil remediation order under the Soil Environment Conservation Act and declaration of nullification thereof
- Represented a client in an action to revoke an excessive discharge fee under the Water Environment Protection Act
- Conducted a review of a joint wastewater treatment agreement for a client
- Represented a client in a claim for damages for remediation of soil contamination

- Litigation seeking revocation of a cable car development project
- Litigation seeking revocation of a carbon emission allowance transfer

Construction

- Response to a damages case involving bid-rigging in construction and transportation
- Represented a client in a claim for damages for bid rigging in a construction project
- Represented a client in a case involving a local housing association’s failure to pay construction costs due to lack of a general meeting resolution
- Represented a client in an action to overturn the imposition of a development charge
- Represented a building inspection company in a case to overturn the imposition of a penalty
- Represented a client in a claim for additional inspection fees due to increased construction costs
- Represented a client in an action to overturn the disqualification of a bidder for attempted bid rigging
- Represented a co-recipient company in a claim for construction cost sharing
- Represented a client in an administrative proceeding to overturn the denial of a construction report based on a lack of substantive requirements
- Represented a client in an action to recover overhead costs from the contracting agency due to construction time extensions
- Represented a representative of a joint beneficiary union in a preliminary action for permission to open the books, and defended the client in a trial on the merits of the case
- Represented a client in an action to overturn the denial of an application for a construction permit for a general logistics terminal
- Represented a client in an arbitration concerning a local government's denial of payment for a construction project due to procedural violations

Criminal Cases

- Represented a client in a criminal case involving allegations of fraud in connection with a PF project
- Represented a client in a criminal case involving abuse of office by a reserve general
- Represented a client in a criminal case involving embezzlement in the course of business by a school board member
- Represented an active duty military member and obtained an acquittal on bribery charges in connection with his receipt of a scholarship during his vocational training
- Represented a client and obtained an acquittal in a case involving sexual molestation in a public place based on unavoidable contact
- Represented a pharmaceutical company in a case involving obstruction of justice by misrepresentation of facts
- Represented a former ministerial official in a case involving abuse of office and violations of the Act on the

Aggravated Punishment of Specific Crimes

- Represented a client in a criminal case involving violation of the Water Conservation Act due to unauthorized discharge of food waste

Other Civil Cases

- Litigation regarding management and operation rights under the Private Investment Act
- Evidence preservation procedures, including CCTV footage, in connection with a gas station fire
- Represented a client in an action to confirm the boundaries of a commercial center in an apartment building
- Represented a local agricultural cooperative in an action to invalidate its election
- Response to a provisional injunction case seeking invalidation of the election of a labor union president
- Represented a client in a claim for product liability following an accident in a ski resort
- Represented a client in a claim for a deposit payment and provisional attachment against a joint surety
- Represented a client in an objection claim involving the distinction between an investment loan and a consumer cash loan
- Represented a client in an action involving unjust enrichment, resulting in the court's reduction of a seized down payment
- Represented KEPCO in a claim for payment of a penalty against a company that arbitrarily tampered with electrical equipment
- Represented a client in an action involving unjust enrichment challenging the corporate successor status of an incorporated foundation
- Represented a public figure and obtained a preliminary injunction against a one-person defamatory protest
- Represented a client and obtained a preliminary injunction against the representative of a for-profit business of a private school to stay the effectiveness of a letter of resignation
- Represented a major pharmaceutical company in a claim for payment for goods involving violation of Article 103 of the Civil Code
- Represented a client in an action for compensation based on breach of contract between directors of a school corporation
- Represented KEPCO in a claim for compensation for breach of contract
- Represented a client in an action to confirm the non-existence of employee status in connection with irregularities in hiring at a public company
- Represented a client in a claim for damages due to defects in delivered goods

Education

2024-Present	Yonsei University, Graduate School of Law (Ph.D. coursework, Administrative Law)
2016-2019	Yonsei University Law School (J.D.)
2011-2016	Hanyang University, College of Policy

Qualifications

2019	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

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