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Mr. Kyle J. Choi is a senior foreign attorney at Shin & Kim, providing legal services in the areas of intellectual property (IP) and international dispute resolution.

Mr. Choi is a registered patent agent with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and a former patent examiner. With over 10 years of experience in patent examination, he has handled a broad range of technologies, including mechanical, electrical, telecommunications, and computer-related fields. He has also successfully managed numerous IP disputes before U.S. federal courts, the International Trade Commission (ITC), and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB).

Notably, Mr. Choi previously led the Standard Essential Patents (SEP) team at a major Korean electronics, IT, and telecommunications company, where he was responsible for international standards and licensing strategy. He also possesses in-depth and practical expertise in international litigation—particularly U.S. patent litigation and contractual disputes—gained from his experience at global law firms. Building on this background, he currently leads the International Litigation Practice Group at Shin & Kim, working closely with local counsel and experts to effectively manage and support Korean companies involved in civil litigation in the United States and other foreign jurisdictions.

In addition, Mr. Choi serves as co-head of the firm's Forensic · Discovery Center, where he advises on all aspects of discovery procedures, including eDiscovery, in the context of U.S. litigation and regulatory investigations. His expertise extends beyond basic document review to providing strategic and procedural guidance on practical response to issues such as implementing legal hold obligations and developing privilege review frameworks.

Mr. Choi is a graduate of the University of Virginia with a degree in electrical engineering, and received his J.D. (magna cum laude) from the Catholic University, Columbus School of Law in Washington D.C.

Professional Career

2019-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2018-2019	Associate, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, Washington D.C.
2015-2018	Of Counsel, Baker McKenzie, LLP, Washington D.C.
2013-2015	Special Counsel, Baker McKenzie, LLP, Seoul, Korea
2013	Legal Manager, Baker McKenzie, LLP, Hong Kong
2008-2013	Senior Counsel, Samsung Electronics, Co. Ltd., Suwon, Korea
2005-2008	Associate, Morgan Lewis, Washington D.C.
1999-2005	Quality Assurance Specialist/Primary Patent Examiner, U.S Patent & Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA
1997-1999	Patent Agent, Fishman Stewart, LLC, Bloomfield Hills, MI/Washington D.C.
1992-1997	Patent Examiner, U.S Patent & Trademark Office, Arlington, VA

Key Experience

- Assisted a Korean social network service company in a putative class action lawsuit over data privacy in California, USA.
- Assisted a Korean construction company in a lawsuit to recover damages in Taiwan.
- Assisted a Korean financial institution in a bankruptcy proceeding in New York, USA.
- Assisted a Korean movie theatre in pursuing 1782 discovery proceeding in New York, USA.
- Assisted a Korean consumer product company in a trademark dispute in Pakistan.
- Assisted a Hong Kong company in opposing liquidation proceedings initiated by a Korean fund.
- Assisted a global electronics company in a trade secrets dispute initiated at the International Trade Commission in the USA.
- Assisted a Korean pipe fitting manufacturer in a patent infringement suit brought in Texas, USA.
- Assisted joint defense of seven (7) Korean media companies in a copyright infringement suit brought in California, USA.
- Assisted a Korean cosmetics company in defending against a Proposition 65 Action in California, USA.
- Reviewed and advised a Korean semiconductor company on its information governance policy in preparation for litigation readiness in a U.S. lawsuit.
- Reviewed and advised a Korean medical device company on its information governance policy in preparation for litigation readiness in a U.S. lawsuit.

Education

2003	Catholic University, Columbus School of Law (J.D.)
1992	University of Virginia (B.S., Electrical Engineering)

Qualifications

2020	Foreign Legal Consultant, Korea
2013	Foreign Legal Consultant, Korea
2004	Admitted to bar, District of Columbia
1997	Admitted to patent bar, U.S.A.

Languages

English, Korean

Professional Activities

Speaking Engagements

- Panelist: The U.S. PTO's War Against the Unauthorized Practice of Patent and Trademark Law by Foreign Associates: Ethical Considerations and Best Practices for Protecting Yourself and Your Clients from Sanctions and Discipline, American Bar Association – International Law Section, 2023 ILS Asia- Pacific Conference, October 2023, Seoul Korea
- Speaker: Introduction to U.S. Patent Litigation and Representative Cases, KIPO International Intellectual Property Training Institute, 2022~2023, Seoul, Korea
- Speaker: Protection of AI Inventions in Korea, European Chamber of Commerce IP Seminar, September 2022, Seoul Korea
- Speaker: Comparative Study of Domain Name Infringement in Korea & U.S., 2021 IDRC – ADNDRC International Conference on Domain Name Dispute Resolution, September 29, 2021, Seoul, Korea
- Speaker: Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Korea, 2020 Korea-Canada Trade Missions (Canadian Embassy of Korea), November 6, 2020, Seoul, Korea
- Speaker: International Patent Litigation Procedure (United States), Shin & Kim 2019 IP Academy (7th Session), December 13, 2019, Seoul, Korea
- Speaker: 4 Years of IPR, Where is it Now, Where is it Going, Korea Electronics Association (Korea Electronics

Association – International Patent Assistance Center), April 26, 2016, Seoul, Korea

- Collaboration meeting with Intellectual Property Office of Singapore regarding inventor patent assistance program, July 2014
- Panelist: Innovative Idea Protection Forum, Korea Intellectual Property Office & Korea Institute of Intellectual Property, September 2013, Seoul, Korea
- Panelist: The Changing Nature of IP Monetisation, Global IP Valuation Conference, 6 November 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- Panelist: M&A-Buying and Selling IP: How to get the best bargain? Global IP Valuation Conference, 7 November 2013, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Publications

- Chambers In-Depth Overview – Dispute Resolution: Litigation 2026: South Korea (Co-authored)
- The Law Review – International Investigations Review 2020-2022: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Standard Essential Patents(SEPs) in the Automotive Industry, Monthly EV Magazine, Vol. 09, March 2021

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Intellectual Property, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2024-2026
- "The World's Leading Patent Professionals" for Patent Litigation, IAM Patent 1000, 2022-2025
- "Litigation Star" for Intellectual Property, Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, 2023-2025

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