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Mr. Soon-Youl Kwon is a partner at Shin & Kim and his practice focuses on antitrust, tax, administrative dispute, criminal litigation and civil execution.

Mr. Kwon brings approximately 18 years of judicial experience, during which he handled warrant review matters as well as criminal and civil trials across multiple courts. He later served as a High Court Judge at the Seoul High Court, where he presided over criminal appellate proceedings and administrative appeals with a focus on tax and antitrust matters. Since retiring from the judiciary in 2023, he has been advising on and representing clients in civil, criminal, and administrative (tax and antitrust) disputes, leveraging his extensive judicial background.

In addition, he served as a professor at the Judicial Research and Training Institute, where he lectured on provisional remedies and civil execution law. He also taught civil and criminal practice as an adjunct professor at six law schools, demonstrating broad expertise across civil and criminal law as well as enforcement and execution law.

Professional Career

2025-Present	Adjunct Professor, Korea University Law School
2025-Present	Legal Advisor, Korea Association for Influencers (TKAI)
2023-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2019-2023	High Court Judge, Seoul High Court
2018-2019	Presiding Judge, Eastern Branch, Busan District Court
2018	Examiner for the 7th National Bar Examination
2017-2018	Professor (Presiding Judge), Judicial Research & Training Institute; Adjunct Professor, Law School (Chungbuk National University, Dong-a University and Pusan National University)
2016-2017	Adjunct Professor, Law School (Ewha Woman's University, Konkuk University and Inha University)

2015-2017	Professor, Judicial Research & Training Institute
2013-2015	Judge, Incheon District Court
2012-2013	Judge, Ulsan District Court
2009-2011	Judge, Namwon Branch, Jeonju District Court
2007-2009	Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2005-2007	Judge, Incheon District Court
2002-2005	Judge Advocate, Republic of Korea Navy
2002	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Oversaw a high-profile criminal appeal before the Seoul High Court concerning sexual misconduct allegations in the theater industry
- Oversaw a case concerning alleged support provided to affiliates of LS Corp.
- Oversaw a case involving the alleged provision of benefits to Chairman Ho-Jin Lee and affiliates of the Taekwang Group
- Oversaw litigation concerning the patent rights of France-based GTT
- Participated in proceedings relating to NAVER's video algorithm case
- Participated in proceedings concerning Samsung Electronics' alleged in-house meal support arrangement involving Samsung Welstory
- Participated in stay of execution proceedings relating to the Google OS case
- Participated in numerous antitrust cases, including those involving SK Broadband, shipping cartels, and poultry industry cartels
- Oversaw a corporate tax reassessment claim filed by Fidelity Funds
- Participated in corporate tax cancellation litigation involving the Korindo Group
- Oversaw a trial on whether the head of the Group was involved in unfair support practices between affiliates
- Oversaw a trial on the disposition of the Fair Trade Commission on the allocation of contracts between affiliates
- Oversaw a trial on the disposition of the Fair Trade Commission in relation to whether intellectual property rights were exercised in a lawful manner
- Advised on a civil lawsuit against a telecommunications company on the grounds of violation of the Act on Labeling and Advertising
- Advised on a criminal case concerning the total number of enterprise groups due to violation of the Capital Markets Act
- Advised on a trial seeking a warrant related to fraud in the course of recruiting members by the head of a regional housing association

- Oversaw an administrative litigation and suspension of execution related to restrictions on qualifications for participation in bidding of inappropriate business entities
- Represented a client in a petition for revocation of the Korea Fair Trade Commission's disposition against a pharmaceutical company for unfair customer solicitation
- Represented clients (franchisees) in civil and criminal lawsuits for alleged violations of the Fair Transactions in Franchise Business Act

Education

2011-2012	Stanford Law School (Visiting Scholar)
1999-2003	Seoul National University Graduate School of Law (LL.M., Tax Law)
1992-1997	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2002	Admitted to bar, Korea
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Languages

Korean, English, German

Professional Activities

- Court Practice Compendium for Administration (Co-author, Judicial Research & Training Institute, 2024)
- ICLG Competition Litigation Laws & Regulations - Competition Litigation 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)