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Ms. Ok-Sook Byun is currently a partner at Shin & Kim, and her main areas of work are investigation response and court-level pleadings and advice on corporate-related criminal cases such as fair trade, environment, trade secrets, medical, finance, and taxation.

Based on her experience at the Prosecutor's Office, she has achieved outstanding results in many major corporate management-related cases such as embezzlement and misappropriation, fair trade, environment, finance, taxation (tariffs), trade secrets, white-collar crimes, medical pharmaceuticals, response to investigation agencies in the field of serious accidents, and court-level arguments, and has experience in providing various advice on criminal issues arising in the corporate management process. She also demonstrates outstanding expertise in compliance and internal investigations.

In 2020, 2021, and 2022, she was named the "Best Lawyer" by Hankyung Business for three consecutive years, and in 2023, she was named the "Best Lawyer in White-Collar Crime" by JoongAng Ilbo. She won awards including the 2024, 2025 Benchmark "Asia's Top 100 Litigation Women Lawyers", and 2025, 2026 Chambers Asia, Dispute Resolution: "Leading Individual" in the White-Collar Crime sector.

Professional Career

2025-Present	Member, Public Officials' Accident Compensation Pension Committee
2023-Present	Member, Korea Coast Guard Commission
2022-Present	Legal Counsel, Industrial safety, Korea Electric Power Corporation
2021-Present	Governmental Member of the Patriots and Veterans Entitlement Commission, Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs
2010-Present	Advisory Member, National Health Insurance Corporation
2010-Present	Shin & Kim LLC

2009-2010	Public Prosecutor, Daejeon District Public Prosecutors' Office
2006-2009	Public Prosecutor, Goyang Branch of the Uijeongbu District Public Prosecutors' Office
2004-2006	Public Prosecutor, Suwon District Public Prosecutors' Office
2002-2004	Public Prosecutor, Ulsan District Public Prosecutors' Office
2000-2002	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Embezzlement, misappropriation, tax, and accounting fraud cases involving executives and employees of large bio companies, securities companies, major distribution companies, IT companies, and large hospital groups.
- Violation of the Capital Markets Act by executives and employees of large corporations and major financial institutions
- Insider trading and stock price manipulation by large corporations
- Defense business and military secret cases of large corporations
- Environment-related cases by large corporations
- Violations of the Fair Trade Act by large construction companies, large confectionery companies, and pharmaceutical companies, and bid rigging cases.
- Cases regarding business secrets and personal information related to large companies, pharmaceutical companies and broadcasting companies
- Customs and foreign exchange cases involving large corporations, major financial companies, and foreign companies.
- Violations of the Public Official Election Act by National Assembly members, high-ranking public officials, and local government heads, etc.
- Rebates by global pharmaceutical companies
- Violation of the Medical Service Act and the Pharmaceutical Affairs Act by hospitals, clinics, pharmacies, etc., and unfair claims for insurance benefits
- Internal investigations by large corporations, financial companies, etc., consultation on compliance
- Response to and consultation on entertainment and celebrity investigations

Education

2018	Yonsei University Law School (LL.M., Business Administration Law)
2013-2014	Fordham Law School, USA (Visiting Scholar)

2014	Completion of Corporate Law Center Compliance program, Fordham Law School, USA
2007-2008	Universidad Complutense de, Madrid(UCM), España (Visiting Scholar)
1990-1994	Yonsei University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2002	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English, Spanish

Professional Activities

- Study on Proving Methods for the Establishment of Truthfulness of Evidence and the Value of Evidence under the Spanish Evidence Law (Collection of Thesis, 2009, Legal Research &Training Institute)

Awards

2025	Minister of Health and Welfare's Commendation
2020	Minister of Health and Welfare's Commendation
2006	Public Prosecutor General’s Commendation

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Dispute Resolution: White Collar Crime, Chambers Asia, 2025-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Business Crime Defence, Legal Times, 2023-2026
- Top 100 Women in Litigation, Benchmark, 2024-2025
- "Best Lawyer" for White Collar Crime, JoongAng Ilbo, Korea In-house Counsel Association, 2023

- "Best Lawyer" for Criminal Law, Hankyung Business, 2020-2022
- "Recommended Lawyer" for Regulatory Compliance and Investigations, Legal500, 2019

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