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Mr. Chang Young Choi is a senior partner at Shin & Kim, mainly practicing in the areas of Corporate Investigation & White Collar Crime, General Criminal Defense, Criminal Litigation, Unfair Competition & Trade Secrets, Family, Trusts & Estates Disputes, Finance Disputes, Financial Market Investigation and Enforcement.

Mr. Choi served as a judge for 21 years from 1998 to 2019, during which he handled a wide range of civil, criminal, and administrative cases. During his judicial career, he served as Presiding Judge at the Daejeon High Court, presiding over appellate cases in civil and administrative matters. He also held various key judicial positions, including Chief Presiding Judge at the Daejeon District Court, Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division at the Seoul Central District Court, and Judge in charge of warrant proceedings at the Ulsan District Court and the Pohang Branch of Daegu District Court. In addition, Mr. Choi was seconded to the Legislation and Judiciary Committee of the National Assembly, where he served as a legal advisor. He also served as Chief of Judicial IT Bureau at the National Court Administration, leading the development of the electronic litigation system. Furthermore, as Director of Criminal Affairs at the Judicial Policy Office of the National Court Administration, he oversaw the practical implementation of the 2008 amendments to the Criminal Procedure Act.

After his retirement from the judiciary, Mr. Choi handled numerous cases involving violations of the Capital Markets Act, as well as corporate criminal cases such as embezzlement and breach of trust at Haekwang LLC. Notably, he contributed to securing an acquittal in a high-profile case involving the head of a major Korean conglomerate charged with alleged breaches of the Capital Markets Act. He has also achieved favorable outcomes in a dispute between construction company, which he represented, and cooperative association.

## Professional Career

2025-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2021-2025	Managing Partner, Haekwang LLC
2020	Adjunct Professor, Korea University Law School

2019-2021	Established Changyoung Choi Law Office
2018-2019	Presiding Judge, Daejeon High Court
2017-2018	Chief Presiding Judge, Daejeon District Court
2015-2017	Presiding Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2012-2015	Chief of Judicial IT Bureau, National Court Administration
2011-2015	Presiding Judge, Suwon District Court, Anyang Branch
2010-2011	Presiding Judge, Ulsan District Court
2008-2010	Judge seconded to the Legislation and Judiciary Committee, National Assembly
2006-2008	Director of Criminal Affairs, Judicial Policy Office, National Court Administration
2002-2006	Judge, Daegu District Court, Pohang Branch
2000-2002	Judge, Seoul Central District Court
1998-2000	Judge, Seoul Western District Court
1995-1998	Judge Advocate, Republic of Korea Navy
1993-1995	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

## Key Experience

- Represented a Korean company in civil and administrative litigation arising from a personal data breach
- Represented the contractor in a damages action arising from the unjust termination of contracts by a redevelopment association or project developer
- Represented a Korean company in a main action seeking injunctive relief under the Monopoly Regulation and Fair Trade Act due to the unlawful termination of a business partnership
- Represented a shipbuilding company in a dispute over liquidated damages arising from delayed delivery by a Korean shipbuilding manufacturer
- Represented a client in a share return action and preliminary injunction proceedings relating to the enforcement of a pledge over unlisted shares, following the provision of collateral and the alleged improper valuation of the enforcement
- Represented a Korean company in an administrative suspension order case arising from the failure to implement soil contamination prevention measures
- Represented a private equity fund manager in a damages action based on an alleged breach of fiduciary duty by a director of an acquired company during his tenure
- Represented a client in a third-party objection action against the enforcement of confiscation and preservation measures over corporate assets
- Advised a client on defense strategies against product liability damages claims arising from defects in delivered steel products

- Advised a client on the potential regulatory consequences and disciplinary measures relating to misconduct by an outside director
- Represented a client in a Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act violation case concerning issues with the merger ratio in a listed company's merger process
- Represented a client in a Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act violation case involving allegations of fraudulent and unfair trading against a financial investor in connection with the acquisition of an automotive company
- Represented a securities firm in a Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act violation case relating to disclosure of holding purpose in connection with the acquisition of shares
- Represented a platform company in a Retirement Benefits Act violation case concerning daily workers
- Represented a Korean power company in a Monopoly Regulation and Fair Trade Act violation case involving bid rigging in equipment procurement
- Represented a client in a criminal case involving alleged embezzlement and breach of trust by a corporate CEO regarding salary and other compensation
- Represented a client in a criminal case involving alleged illegal transfer of assets abroad in connection with overseas investment activities
- Represented a client in a Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act violation case arising from the omission of disclosure of collateral in the issuance of convertible bonds and related investment process
- Represented a client in a Foreign Trade Act violation case concerning misrepresentation of country of origin of products
- Represented a client in an alleged bribery and breach of trust case involving solicitation of cryptocurrency exchange listing

## Education

2005	Duke Law School, USA (Visiting Scholar)
1991	Korea University, College of Law (LL.B.)

## Qualifications

1995	Admitted to bar, Korea
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## Languages

Korean, English

## Professional Activities

- Commentary on Criminal Procedure Act(co-authored)

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