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Mr. Donghyun Kim is an Advisor at Shin & Kim, mainly practicing in the areas of defense and the defense industry, military law, investigations, human rights, digital forensics, and military personnel administration.

Mr. Kim was commissioned as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Air Force in 2002 and has accumulated approximately 23 years of extensive practical experience in military law and investigations. He has been responsible for a wide range of key functions within the military legal system, including military criminal cases (court practice), disciplinary actions, personnel appeals, human rights counseling, victim support, and military personnel administration. Notably, during his service in the Prosecutors' Office of the Ministry of National Defense, he participated in investigations of major national cases, including the Martial Law Joint Civil–Military Investigation Team, the Defense Network Hacking Task Force, and defense acquisition-related investigations.

Mr. Kim holds a Master's degree and has completed doctoral coursework in Forensic Science. He also possesses national and international certifications in digital forensics, combining an academic foundation with field-centered expertise. In addition, he was involved in the planning and development of Korea's first AI-based case management system and AI-based speech-to-text (STT) processing system for prosecutorial cases, applying these systems in practice to enhance the efficiency and accuracy of case handling in the military prosecution system.

Based on his extensive practical experience and expertise, Mr. Kim provides practical and professional advisory services across a wide range of areas.

Professional Career

2026-Present	Special Appointment Professor, Department of Police Science and Criminal Investigation, Graduate School, Global Cyber University
2026	Expert on Emerging Crimes and Security Involving Generative AI, Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice

2025-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2025	Completed Defense Program Management Specialist Training
2024-2025	Prosecutor/Forensic Investigator, 1st General Prosecutors' Office, Air Force Prosecutors' Office
2024	Completed IACIS BCFE (Basic Computer Forensic Examiner)
2022-2024	Digital Forensic Investigator/Human Rights Support Officer, High Prosecutors' Division, Air Force Prosecutors' Office
2021-2022	Human Rights Administration Officer, Air Force Human Rights Wing Center
2020	Human Rights and Personnel Appeals Officer, Legal Affairs Office, Air Force Headquarters
2018-2020	Head, Forensic Investigation Team, Forensic Investigation Division, Ministry of National Defense Prosecutors' Office
2018	Completed the 30th Digital Forensics Professional Training, National Police Agency
2016-2017	Investigator, Investigation Support Division, Ministry of National Defense Prosecutors' Office
2016	Completed the 30th Digital Forensics Professional Training, Supreme Prosecutors' Office
2013-2016	Investigator, General Prosecutors' Office, Air Force Headquarters
2011-2013	Investigator / Legal Clerk, Legal Affairs Office, Air Force Operations Command
2009-2011	Court Clerk, General Military Court, 18th Fighter Wing, Air Force
2003-2009	30th Air Defense Control Wing, Air Force
2002	Commissioned as a Non-Commissioned Officer, Air Force

Key Experience

1. Military Criminal Investigations and Military Justice

- Investigated serious military criminal cases, including attempted murder
- Investigated deaths and suspicious death cases involving military personnel, including investigations into causes of death
- Investigated military sexual offenses, including rape, indecent assault, and unlawful filming
- Investigated violations of the Military Criminal Act, including desertion, unauthorized absence, insubordination, and insulting superior officers
- Investigated cases involving assault, bodily injury, threats, and cruel treatment under the Military Criminal Act
- Investigated crimes involving military property, including theft, embezzlement, and damage to military supplies and equipment
- Investigated violations of the Military Secret Protection Act, including unauthorized disclosure and leakage of military secrets
- Investigated duty-related offenses committed by military personnel and civilian military employees, as well as

military-related corruption cases

- Investigated corruption cases involving defense procurement and military information and communications projects
- Conducted search and seizure operations, digital forensic examinations, and electronic evidence analysis in military criminal cases

2. Major Military Investigations and Forensic Science

- Participated in the joint civilian-military probe team investigating the Defense Security Command's martial law documents
- Conducted a reinvestigation into the Cyber Command's online comment manipulation case
- Participated in a task force investigating the hacking of the military defense network
- Worked toward establishing a Drug Investigation Center within the Republic of Korea Air Force Prosecutors' Office
- Worked toward establishing an AI Forensic Investigation Center
- Participated in the planning and development of an AI-based prosecutorial case management system
- Participated in the planning and development of an AI-based speech-to-text (STT) system for processing recorded statements
- Supported on-site responses to search and seizure operations and digital forensic examinations involving companies

3. Military Trials, Victim Protection, and Military Administration

- Handled practical matters relating to criminal trials and court proceedings while serving as an officer responsible for trial administration at a military court
- Handled matters relating to the protection of victims of military crimes and the safeguarding of victims' rights
- Handled public petitions, military grievance complaints, and sexual misconduct-related grievances at the Republic of Korea Air Force Headquarters
- Handled disciplinary proceedings involving sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment and sexual assault, as well as assault and cruel treatment, while serving as an officer responsible for disciplinary proceedings before military disciplinary committees
- Handled investigations into human rights violations within the military and personnel appeals

Education

2024	Chungnam National University Graduate School (Ph.D. coursework completed, Forensic Science)
2022	Chungnam National University, Graduate School of Peace and Security (M.A in Crime Investigation)

2014	Korea National Open University, Department of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2026	Advanced Information and Communications Engineer, Korea
2025	Certified Forensic Computer Examiner (CFCE)
2023	Magnet Certified Forensics Examiner Certification (MCFE)
2017	Certified Digital Forensics Specialist (Level 2), Korea
2017	Nuix Waorkstation Data Discovery Specialist
2016	Certified Conflict Management Counselor (Level 1), Korea
2016	Certified Negotiation Specialist (Level 1), Korea
2013	Certified Administrative Agent, Korea
2006	Licensed Engineer in Information and Communications, Korea
2005	Licensed Information Processing Engineer, Korea
2004	Licensed Radio Equipment Engineer, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- A Study on the Development of Military Digital Forensics (2021, Master’s Thesis)

Professional Accolades

- Participation in the “TASHKENT CYBERLEX 2026” International Forum and Presentation on Cryptocurrency Search and Seizure Procedures (Law Enforcement Academy of Uzbekistan, May 21–22, 2026)
- “A Study on Measures to Improve Military Digital Forensics” (Master’s Thesis, 2021)

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