



## Hyunbok Lee

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**Mr. Hyunbok Lee is a partner in the Litigation Group at Shin & Kim, where he advises on corporate criminal matters, appellate litigation, and major civil and criminal disputes.**

Prior to joining Shin & Kim, Mr. Lee served as a judge for 22 years at courts of various levels in Korea. During his judicial career, he held several key positions including Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division at the Seoul Central District Court, Chief Research Judge overseeing the Civil Division and Dedicated Senior Research Judge at the Supreme Court, Head of the Yeosu Branch Court, and Counselor at the Public Affairs Office of the National Court Administration. During this period, he presided over a wide range of cases across diverse practice areas, including civil, criminal, family, bankruptcy, warrant, and enforcement matters, while also participating in judicial administrative work.

In particular, while serving as the Presiding Judge of the 21st Criminal Division (a division dedicated to anti-corruption cases) at the Seoul Central District Court, Mr. Lee handled numerous criminal cases involving executives of major Korean corporations, gaining deep insight into the management and handling of complex corporate criminal matters.

In addition, during his four-year tenure as a Senior Research Judge at the Supreme Court, he served as the Chief Research Judge overseeing the Civil Division as well as a Dedicated Senior Research Judge. In these roles, he supervised the research and management of tens of thousands of complex cases, including en banc cases, contributing to the development of Supreme Court precedents. Through this experience, he has developed strong expertise in handling appellate and Supreme Court-level litigation.

## Professional Career

2026-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2025-2026	Presiding Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2023-2025	Head of Yeosu Branch Court, Suwon District Court

2019-2023	Research Judge, Supreme Court
2018-2019	Presiding Judge, Pyeongtaek Branch Court, Suwon District Court
2016-2018	Presiding Judge, Gangreung Branch Court, Chuncheon District Court
2015-2016	Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2013-2015	Counselor, National Court Administration, Supreme Court
2004-2013	Judge, Ulsan District Court, Pyeongtaek Branch Court of Suwon District Court, and Suwon District Court
2001-2004	Public-service Advocate
2001	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

## Education

1998-2010	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.M. coursework completed, Civil Law)
1993-1998	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

## Qualifications

2001	Admitted to bar, Korea
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## Languages

Korean, English

## Professional Activities

- Commercial Law Special Lecture (Maester, 2007)
  - Commentary on Criminal Procedure Law [6th Edition] (Korean Society of Judicial Administration, 2022, co-authored)
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