



Sae Jin Im

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Mr. Sae Jin Im is a partner at Shin & Kim, where he provides legal services on matters relating to unfair trading in the capital markets, including finance, securities, funds, and virtual currencies, as well as corporate compliance matters, including banks, securities companies, and other financial investment business entities.

Prior to joining Shin & Kim, Mr. Im served as a prosecutor for 18 years, handling investigations and trials in a wide range of areas, including financial and securities crimes, corporate and public-sector corruption, and criminal proceeds recovery. In particular, as chief prosecutor of the Financial Investigation Division I at the Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office, he investigated financial and securities crimes, including unfair trading in the capital markets and the misuse of material non-public information. As chief prosecutor of the Criminal Proceeds Recovery Division at the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office, he was responsible for tracing and recovering criminal proceeds in major criminal cases. Based on this experience, he was certified as a Specialist Prosecutor in Criminal Proceeds Recovery by the Supreme Prosecutors' Office in 2023.

In addition, he handled corporate and public-sector corruption and tax-related cases at the Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office, and investigated corporate corruption and corruption in procurement for nuclear power plants while serving in the Special Investigation Division of the Busan District Prosecutors' Office and on the Joint Investigation Team on Nuclear Power Corruption. In the course of these investigations, Mr. Im also handled numerous cases closely related to the internal controls and compliance of financial institutions and corporations, including unfair trading in the capital markets, major embezzlement by bank executives and employees, and cases involving securities companies' anti-money laundering obligations.

Mr. Im also held key positions at the Ministry of Justice. After managing the personnel, organization and budgets of the prosecution service as a prosecutor in the Prosecution Service Division, he served as head of the Criminal Affairs Division and head of the Prosecution Service Division, overseeing the prosecution service's major policies and organizational management. In these roles, he worked in cooperation with the National Assembly and relevant government agencies, including the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Ministry of the Interior and Safety, handling practical matters across prosecution administration, including legislative review and budget formulation.

Drawing on his investigative experience in financial, securities and corporate matters and his understanding of prosecution policies and administration, Mr. Im advises clients on responses to regulatory and criminal investigations into unfair trading in the capital markets; internal controls and compliance of financial institutions and corporations; corporate and tax criminal matters, including embezzlement and breach of trust; anti-corruption and internal investigations; and corporate governance matters.

Professional Career

2026-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2025-2026	Chief Prosecutor, Financial Investigation Division I, Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office; Prosecutor, Seoul High Prosecutors' Office
2024-2025	Head, Prosecution Service Division, Ministry of Justice
2023-2024	Head, Criminal Affairs Division, Ministry of Justice
2022-2023	Chief Prosecutor, Criminal Proceeds Recovery Division, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office
2021-2022	Chief Prosecutor, Trial Division I, Busan District Prosecutors' Office
2020-2021	Chief Prosecutor, Criminal Division II, Pyeongtaek Branch, Suwon District Prosecutors' Office (in charge of serious accidents and election-related matters)
2019-2020	Prosecution Research Officer, Supreme Prosecutors' Office; Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Jeonju District Prosecutors' Office (in charge of public official and corruption-related matters)
	Prosecutor, Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office (in charge of corporate and public official corruption-related matters)
2018-2019	Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for Criminal Law, Germany
2017-2018	Prosecutor, Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office (in charge of tax-related matters)
2014-2017	Prosecutor, Prosecution Service Division, Ministry of Justice (in charge of the management of personnel, organization, and budget of the prosecution service)
2012-2014	Prosecutor, Busan District Prosecutors' Office (Special Investigation Division; dispatched to the Joint Investigation Team on Nuclear Power Corruption)
2010-2012	Prosecutor, Yeosu Branch, Suwon District Prosecutors' Office
2008-2010	Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office (in charge of intellectual property right and fair trade-related matters)

Key Experience

- Handled cases relating to unfair trading in the capital markets, including finance, securities, funds, and virtual currencies
- Handled corporate governance matters

- Handled internal compliance matters for companies, including banks, securities companies, and other financial investment business entities
- Handled corporate criminal cases involving embezzlement, breach of trust, etc., and tax criminal cases involving criminal accusations of tax evasion
- Handled matters involving energy companies, including nuclear power companies

Education

2003-2007	Seoul National University, Graduate School of Law (LL.M. coursework completed, Constitutional Law)
1997-2003	Seoul National University, College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2023	Certified Specialist Prosecutor in Criminal Proceeds Recovery, Supreme Prosecutors' Office
2005	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- A Study on the Political Neutrality and Independence of the German Prosecution Service (paper for overseas prosecutor education)