



Wonki Yoon

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Mr. Wonki Yoon is a Partner at Shin & Kim. Mr. Yoon provides legal services in corporate criminal matters involving finance and securities, mergers and acquisitions, fair trade, and serious accidents, as well as advisory services on legislation and on matters before the National Assembly and government ministries.

Mr. Yoon served as a prosecutor for approximately 18 years, during which he handled the investigation and trial of a wide range of corporate criminal cases, including financial and securities crimes, crimes involving M&A transactions financed entirely with borrowed funds, embezzlement and breach of trust, serious accidents, and labor-related offenses. In particular, while handling financial and securities cases at the Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office, he gained substantial experience in capital markets investigations. Throughout his career, he dealt with a broad spectrum of criminal law issues arising in the course of corporate activities.

Mr. Yoon also held key positions at the Ministry of Justice and the Supreme Prosecutors' Office, where he was responsible for the enactment, amendment, and authoritative interpretation of criminal statutes, as well as institutional reform and major policy issues. He served as Director of the Criminal Legislation Division and Head of the Policy Planning Group at the Ministry of Justice, and carried out legislative and policy work in collaboration with the National Assembly and relevant government ministries. Through this work, he gained hands-on experience in every stage of how laws and policies are formed and implemented.

Drawing on his investigative and policy experience, Mr. Yoon advises clients on responding to criminal investigations and trials, as well as on a range of pressing issues, including capital markets investigations and sanctions, criminal matters arising from fair trade issues, and criminal issues related to serious accidents and HR and labor matters. He also advises on legislative and policy matters, including those requiring the enactment or amendment of laws or institutional reform, and on responding to the National Assembly and government ministries.

Professional Career

2026-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2026	Suwon High Prosecutors' Office
2025-2026	Chief Prosecutor, Wonju Branch, Chuncheon District Prosecutors' Office
2024-2025	Director General, Policy Planning Division, Ministry of Justice
2023-2024	Director, Personnel Information Division I, Ministry of Justice
2022-2023	Director, Criminal Legislation Division, Ministry of Justice (concurrently Head of the Task Force for Legislative and Institutional Reform)
2021-2022	Chief Prosecutor, Criminal Division II, Chuncheon District Prosecutors' Office
2020-2021	Research Prosecutor, Planning and Coordination Department, Supreme Prosecutors' Office
2019-2020	Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Criminal Legislation Division, Ministry of Justice
2019	Prosecutor, Gwangju District Prosecutors' Office
2017-2019	Prosecutor, Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office
2017	Research Prosecutor, Future Planning Division, Supreme Prosecutors' Office
2016-2017	Prosecutor, Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office
2013-2016	Prosecutor, Criminal Legislation Division, Ministry of Justice
2010-2013	Prosecutor, Seosan Branch, Daejeon District Prosecutors' Office
2008-2010	Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office
2005-2008	Judge Advocate, Republic of Korea Army
2005	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Handled corporate criminal matters, including the investigation and trial of general criminal cases, financial and securities crimes, and crimes involving M&A transactions financed entirely with borrowed funds
- Handled matters involving the National Assembly and government ministries, including the enactment and amendment of laws and authoritative interpretation

Education

2011-2012	University of Washington School of Law (LL.M.)
1998-2005	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2005 Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Commentary on the Penal Provisions of the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act (co-author, Seoul Southern District Prosecutors' Office, 2019)
- Trade Secret Protection: A Study of the Management Requirement (Research Paper, Overseas Training Program for Prosecutors, 2012)