



## Keonjoo Lee

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**Mr. Keonjoo Lee is a partner at Shin & Kim. Mr. Lee's practice focuses on criminal affairs.**

In 1991, Mr. Lee worked at Shin & Kim specializing in corporate legal affairs. In 1992, he joined the Western Branch of Seoul District Public Prosecutors' Office as a prosecutor. He continued on with his career and assumed various positions including Director General of the High-Tech Crimes Department at the Seoul District Public Prosecutors' Office, Officer of the Forensic Science Planning at the Supreme Public Prosecutors' Office, Deputy Minister for Crime Prevention Policy at the Ministry of Justice, Chief Prosecutor at the Daejeon District Public Prosecutors' Office, and Vice President of the Judicial Research and Training Institute. Mr. Lee has returned to Shin & Kim as of March 2015 as a partner.

During his tenure as a prosecutor, Mr. Lee was one of the first in Korea to investigate illegal piracy of computer programs, and he has made a number of pioneering achievements from his investigations in the fields of general criminal affairs, anti-corruption, public security, information and technology, cyber crime, unfair competition, trade secret, and intellectual property. His achievements also reach international criminal affairs, scientific investigation, and crime prevention policies: contributed to the negotiation and enforcement of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and the Korea-U.S. Extradition Treaty; establishment of the National Digital Forensic Center (NDFC); enactment of the Act on Use and Protection of DNA Identification Information; and improvement on electronic ankle bracelet program for serious offenders.

## Professional Career

2015.3-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2013.12	Vice President, Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court
2013.4	Chief Prosecutor, Daejeon District Public Prosecutors' Office
2012.7	Deputy Minister for Crime Prevention Policy, Ministry of Justice
2011.8	Director General, Planning Department, Legal Research and Training Institute, Ministry of Justice

2010.7	Deputy Prosecutor General, Gwangju District Public Prosecutors' Office
2009.8	Chief Prosecutor, Ansan Branch, Suwon District Public Prosecutors' Office
2009	Deputy Prosecutor General, Uijeongbu District Public Prosecutors' Office
2008	Officer of Forensic Science Planning, Supreme Public Prosecutors' Office
2007	Prosecutor, Daegu High Public Prosecutor's Office (Dispatched to National Intelligence Service)
2006	Director General, High-Tech Crimes Department, Seoul District Public Prosecutors' Office
2005	Director, Information and Communication Division, Supreme Public Prosecutors' Office
2004	Director General, 4th Criminal Division, Incheon District Public Prosecutors' Office
2003	Director, Environment & Health Division, Supreme Public Prosecutors' Office
2002	Director General, Department of General Services, Busan District Public Prosecutors' Office (Dispatched to the Organizing Office of the Global Forum on Fighting Corruption and Safeguarding Integrity)
	Prosecutor, Busan High Public Prosecutor's Office
2001	Superintendent Prosecutor, Cheonan Branch, Daejeon District Public Prosecutors' Office
2000	Senior Prosecutor, Changwon District Public Prosecutors' Office
1999	Prosecutor, Seoul District Public Prosecutors' Office
1997	Prosecutor, 4th Division, Bureau of Criminal Affairs, Ministry of Justice
1995	Prosecutor, Incheon District Public Prosecutors' Office
1994	Prosecutor, Cheonan Branch, Daejeon District Public Prosecutors' Office
1992	Prosecutor, Western Branch, Seoul District Public Prosecutors' Office
1991	Associate, Shin & Kim LLC
1991	Discharge from the Korean Naval Forces as Judge advocate
1988	Judicial Research & Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

## Key Experience

- Advised on pleadings in complaint cases, including embezzlement in the course of duties of the representative of listed companies (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on response to investigations, including occupational breach of trust of large medical corporations (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on pleadings and response to criminal investigation into solar power generation facilities
- Advised on response to investigation of complaints related to the divulgence of trade secrets between SW development companies, and response to trial (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on pleadings in case of trade secret divulgence between semiconductor equipment companies

- Advised on criminal cases and complaints related to corruption, including embezzlement of business by employees of e-commerce companies
- Advised on pleadings and response to investigation of the case of violation of the Public Official Election Act by the head of the local government (judgment on maintaining public office)
- Advised on response to investigation of violation of the Attorney-at-Law Act related to the operation of the legal advisory platform (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on criminal disputes related to exclusive contracts for famous celebrities and represented in filing complaints
- Advised on and filed complaint on fraud related to film investment by a subsidiary of the parent broadcasting company
- Advised on pleadings in a criminal case on the violation of the Automobile Management Act regarding automobile fires
- Advised on pleadings in a criminal case related to the accounting fraud of the parent company
- Advised on pleadings in the case of violation of the Fair Trade Act on price collusion by listed companies
- Advised on response to complaints, including embezzlement in the course of business, against corporate owners (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on criminal case on cosmetic manufacturer's violation of the Labeling and Advertising Act (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on response to complaints from local governments, including exaggerated advertisements, against functional health food manufacturers (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on criminal case on disputes related to music copyright fees
- Advised on pleadings and other matters in a criminal case related to copyright disputes between large game companies
- Advised on response to complaints including embezzlement in the course of duty against leaders of religious organizations (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on pleadings and response to investigation into defense industry corruption in defense industry companies (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on response to a case seeking investigation of violation of the Fire Services Act regarding the construction of fire facilities in buildings (case closed after non-indictment)
- Advised on response to an investigation into the violation of the Public Records Management Act against the employees of the public institution (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on response to the dismissal of a professor at a university related to sexual harassment (won the lawsuit seeking revocation of dismissal)
- Advised on pleadings and response to sexual assault complaints against famous celebrities (case closed not guilty of charges, punishment of the other party for false accusation)
- Advised on pleadings in sexual assault case (case closed not guilty of charges)
- Advised on pleadings in multi-stage investment fraud case, representing Defendants

- Advised on pleadings on military personnel's response to the investigation by the military investigation agency
- Advised on matters pertaining to the Improper Solicitation Prohibition Act on Public Agencies
- Advised on pleadings and other matters in a case concerning the Major Disaster Punishment Act

## Education

2013	Sungkyunkwan University Graduate School of Business (MBA)
2006	Seoul National University College of Engineering, Advanced Industrial Strategy Program (The 36th AIP Class)
1996	Queen Mary and Westfield College of London University, the U.K. (Intellectual Property)
1986	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

## Qualifications

1988	Admitted to bar, Korea
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## Languages

Korean, English

## Professional Activities

- Analysis of key judicial precedents in 2022 (May 18, 2023, Lawtimes)
- Transformational Eastern Classics (2014)
- Act on Preventing Bribery in International Business Transactions, Explained (Ministry of Justice, 1999)
- British Legislations for Computer Crimes (Collection of Dissertations of Overseas Training Program for Prosecutors, Ministry of Justice, 1996)

## Professional Accolades

- "Recommended Lawyer" for Regulatory Compliance and Investigations, Legal500, 2019

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