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Ms. So Youn Kim is a partner at Shin & Kim and her main areas of practice include the provision of advice, and representation in litigation, in cases relating to financial regulation, insurance and bankruptcy.

In particular, Ms. Kim provided advice on the rehabilitation procedures of Ssangyong Motor Company and carried out works on criminal litigation on cases relating to bankruptcy, breach of trust, embezzlement, etc. of officers of companies. Ms. Kim also secured the first precedent in which a request for insurance claims was granted in connection with Directors & Officers Liability Insurance and successfully resolved multiple insurance-related disputes on behalf of insurance companies. Ms. Kim is currently a member of the insurance team and bankruptcy team of the financial regulation group of Shin & Kim, providing financial institutions, including banks and insurance companies, with finance-related advice on how to respond to inspections and disputes.

Ms. Kim graduated from Seoul National University (College of Law) and acquired her LL.M from University of Southern California School of Law. Ms. Kim completed the 37th course of the Judicial Research & Training Institute.

Professional Career

2025	Member, Insurance Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee, Korea Consumer Agency (KCA)
2025	Member, Insurance Dispute Resolution Committee, General Insurance Association of Korea
2022-Present	Director, Insolvency Law Institute of Korea
2008-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2007	Training in the law of International Business Transactions In George Washington University Law School
2006-2008	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea
2005	U.S. and Comparative Patent Law November Seminar 2005 In PRIP Tokyo

Key Experience

- Represented in litigation seeking damages for violation of the Indirect Investment Assets Management Act for Securities Company H.
- Represented in litigation seeking payment of a deposit related to lock-up obligation for Securities Company K.
- Represented Foundation H in litigation to confirm the non-existence of debt related to welfare program assistance.
- Represented D&O in insurance coverage litigation and advised on insurance claims.
- Represented Life Insurance Company K in insurance coverage litigation related to suicide indemnity limitation clause.
- Represented Life Insurance Company S in litigation for damages related to the duty of explanation and the suitability principle in a life insurance contract.
- Represented an executive officer of Company S in a criminal embezzlement case.
- Represented Company W in criminal litigation for violation of the Publishing Industry Promotion Act.
- Represented an officer of Company T in a criminal embezzlement case.
- Represented in criminal litigation for violation of the Special Act on Remedy for Damage Caused by Humidifier Disinfectants.
- Represented Company K in loan dispute regarding the right to claim for advance payment of expenses and right to claim substitute payment.
- Represented Foundation S in litigation seeking the revocation of fraudulent acts.
- Represented Company W in litigation for the transfer of immovable property.
- Represented Company H in litigation for settlement related to the transfer of business rights.
- Represented Company D in litigation seeking nullification of the entries in the table of rehabilitation creditors.
- Advised Company S on the rehabilitation process and represented in litigation for suspension of the effect of termination of contract.
- Represented Foundation D in litigation seeking return of unjust enrichment in relation to the avoidance of registration.
- Represented Company K in litigation concerning deposit claims in relation to set-off during its rehabilitation process.
- Represented Company D in litigation over the purchase price in relation to the right of indemnity based on a bilateral contract with mutual non-performance contract and the subrogation by a person who has performed the obligation.
- Represented the representative of Company W in litigation.
- Advised on numerous matters related to the Act on the Protection of Financial Consumers.
- Represented Bank W in connection with the investigation of an embezzlement case.
- Advised Bank W on bylaws regarding best practices for door-to-door sales.

Education

2014-2015	University of Southern California School of Law (LL.M.)
2001-2006	Seoul National University, College of Law (LL.B., 2006)

Qualifications

2008	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English, Japanese

Professional Activities

- 100 Insolvency-Related Precedents (Co-authored, Parkyoungsa, 2021)
- Analysis on the rehabilitation process of the golf clubs in 2010’s, Korean Lawyers Association Journal, December 2018 (Co-authored)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for Restructuring and insolvency, IFLR1000, 2023-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Insurance, Legal Times, 2024-2026

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