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Mr. In Bum Yeo is a partner at Shin & Kim whose main practice areas are litigation and advising on trade secret infringement (in civil and criminal disputes), unfair competition, intellectual property rights (such as patents and trademarks), and product liability.

Since starting his practice in 2014, Mr. Yeo has successfully represented Korean and foreign companies in major industries such as semiconductors, digital display, shipbuilding, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals in trade secret disputes, patent infringement disputes, and product liability disputes in relation to the protection of intangible assets. In addition, Mr. Yeo has represented his clients in multiple civil disputes in relation to the quality of goods or services and offered general counseling in relation to intellectual property rights such as trademarks and copyrights.

Professional Career

2021-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2014-2021	Lee & Ko
2014	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

Trade Secret Disputes

- Advised and represented client in a trade secret dispute between a Korean chemical company and a foreign chemical company over chemical process technology
- Advised and represented client in multiple trade secret disputes between a Korean semiconductor manufacturer

and its competitors over cleaning equipment and process technology

- Advised and represented client in a trade secret dispute between a Korean shipbuilder and a foreign shipbuilder over LNG carrier design technology
- Advised and represented client in a trade secret dispute between a Korean oil refinery and retired employees over chemical product manufacturing technology
- Advised and represented client in a trade secret dispute between a Korean defense company and its competitor over wireless communication technology
- Advised and represented client in a trade secret dispute between a Korean display manufacturer and its competitor over OLED manufacturing technology
- Advised and represented client in a trade secret dispute between a Korean secondary cell battery manufacturer and retired employees over anode material manufacturing technology
- Advised and represented client in a trade secret dispute between a Korean material manufacturer and retired employees over paint manufacturing technology
- Advised and represented client in multiple disputes over non-compete agreements between a Korean semiconductor manufacturer and retired employees
- Trade secret dispute regarding submarine cable plant design technology between domestic electric wire companies.
- Trade secret dispute between a domestic autonomous driving technology developer and former employees.
- Trade secret dispute between domestic heat sink companies over the heat sink manufacturing technology.
- Multiple cases of injunctions prohibiting transfer between domestic semiconductor manufacturers and retirees.

Patent Disputes

- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between a Korean chemical company and a foreign chemical company over semiconductor polishing pad technology
- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between Korean chemical companies over material technology for digital displays
- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between a Japanese chemical company and a U.S. chemical company over adhesive film technology for semiconductors
- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between a German pharmaceutical company and Korean pharmaceutical companies over contrast agent technology
- Patent dispute between a domestic pharmaceutical company and a European pharmaceutical company over a treatment for venous thromboembolism.
- Patent dispute between a domestic pharmaceutical company and a European pharmaceutical company over patch-type dementia treatment.
- Patent disputes related to the MyData business BM of government agencies.
- Patent dispute between domestic mask manufacturers over a mask manufacturing technology.
- Patent dispute between domestic tobacco manufacturers and subcontractors over an e-cigarette manufacturing

technology.

- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between a Japanese chemical company and a U.S. chemical company over material technology for digital displays
- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between a Korean cigarette manufacturer and a French company over cigarette manufacturing technology
- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between a foreign pharmaceutical company and Korean pharmaceutical companies over multiple pharmaceutical products
- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between a Korean construction company and a French company over steel structure technology
- Advised and represented client in a patent dispute between a Korean defense company and its competitor over gas mask design technology

Employee Inventions Disputes

- Advised and represented client in a dispute between a Korean electronics company and a retiree over compensation for an employee invention
- Advised and represented client in a dispute between a Korean pharmaceutical company and a retiree over compensation for an employee invention
- Advised and represented client in a dispute between a Korean alloy manufacturer and a retiree over compensation for an employee invention
- Employee invention compensation dispute between domestic tobacco manufacturers and retirees.

Advisory on export control, etc., such as national core technology, industrial technology, etc.

- Consultation on multiple applications for verification of national core technologies and advanced technologies in the semiconductor field.
- Multiple consultations related to the application for confirmation of lithium secondary battery cathode material technology, export declaration, etc.
- Advisory on national core technologies such as core components and system design for autonomous vehicles, application for verification of advanced technologies, export declaration, etc.
- Advisory on the designation of national core technologies in the non-ferrous metal sector.

Goods and Services Disputes

- Advised and represented client in an arbitration case between a Korean power generation company and a foreign turbine manufacturer in relation to the damages from turbine defects
- Advised and represented client in civil disputes between Korean SI companies and ordering companies in relation to the performance of contracts

- Advised and represented client in a criminal case involving the manufacture and sale of a humidifier sterilizer

Intellectual Property Consultations

- Advised and represented Korean platform companies and their competitors in disputes over web crawling
- Advised and represented Korean and foreign companies on technology license agreements
- Advised and represented Korean and foreign game and entertainment companies on copyright and IP license agreements
- Multiple consultations, including contracts for parts supply, equipment, etc., and joint development contracts between domestic and foreign companies.
- Advisory on multiple FTOs in the fields of steel, shipbuilding, secondary batteries, etc.

Education

2001-2008 Seoul National University School of Chemical & Biological Engineering (B.E.)

Qualifications

2014 Admitted to bar, Korea

2009 Admitted to patent bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English