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Mr. Han Soon Choi is a partner at Shin & Kim, and his main practice areas include legal consultation and litigations related to fair trade, public law (administrative) litigations, civil litigations involving commercial enterprises, criminal litigations, etc.

Mr. Choi passed the bar exam in 1995 and served as a judge for over 20 years from 2001 to 2022 when he retired as a judge of the Seoul High Court (head judge).

While serving as a high court judge at the Seoul High Court, Mr. Choi was in charge of fair trade and labor cases as a head judge and presiding judge in the Administrative Division. He was also in charge of tax cases as an associate judge while serving at the Seoul High Court, and dealt with administrative cases while serving at the Daejeon High Court. Based on such experiences, Mr. Choi has built special expertise in fair trade, labor, and other administrative cases.

Furthermore, Mr. Choi has extensive experience in lawsuits involving commercial enterprise because he was in charge of company-related cases and other capital market cases involving stocks and funds while serving at the Seoul High Court's Commercial Business Division.

Mr. Choi served for the Criminal Affair Division for Panel of Judges at the Eastern Branch of the Seoul District Court and the Criminal Affairs Division for Single Judge at the Uijeongbu District Court. He was in charge of criminal appeals as an associate judge or high court judge at the Seoul High Court. He also taught criminal law as an adjunct professor at Hanyang University and Yeungnam University Law School. Given such experiences, Mr. Choi has expertise in criminal law.

In particular, for a total of 10 years, including 9 years at the Seoul High Court and 1 year at the Daejeon High Court, he has extensive experience in reviewing and handling important cases encompassing administration, civil and criminal affairs.

Professional Career

2022-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2020-2022	Judge, Seoul High Court
2019-2020	Judge, Daejeon High Court
2014-2019	Judge, Seoul High Court
2013	Adjunct Professor, Yeungnam University Law School
2013-2014	Judge, Daegu District Court
2011-2013	Judge, Seoul High Court
2010	Adjunct Professor, Hanyang University Law School
2009-2011	Professor, Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea
2008-2009	Judge, Uijeongbu District Court
2005-2008	Judge, Daegu District Court
2003-2005	Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2001-2003	Judge, Eastern Branch of Seoul District Court
1998-2001	Military Judicial Officer
1995-1998	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

Litigation

- Litigation to cancel the disposition of the Fair Trade Commission related to the violation of the Subcontracting Act of a construction company
- Litigation to cancel the disposition of the Fair Trade Commission related to the bidding collusion of ready-mixed concrete manufacture and sales companies
- Litigation to cancel the disposition of the Fair Trade Commission related to the collusion between shipping companies
- Civil litigation related to communications company advertisements and cancellation of disposition by the Fair Trade Commission
- Litigation seeking cancellation of the notification of the Minister of Health and Welfare to a pharmaceutical company
- Litigation seeking cancellation of dispositions against insurance companies and banks by the Financial Services Commission

- Litigation seeking cancellation of a penalty disposition against a construction company
- Litigation seeking cancellation of a non-permission disposition related to construction company development activities
- Case of appeal claiming damages caused by bidding collusion by construction companies
- Litigation claiming damages related to a fund
- Litigation seeking denial of paternity
- Various lawsuits related to corporate clients, such as request for confirmation of invalidity related to business transfer agreements, claim for damages related to stock transfer contracts, request for inspection and copying of the minutes of the meeting of the board of directors, request to peruse and copy accounting books, etc., and injunction related to the title transfer of shares
- Criminal proceedings related to bribery, embezzlement, breach of trust, fraud, etc.

Consultation

- Advised on the Fair Trade Commission dispositions related to unfair trade practices by foreign companies
- Advised on the Fair Trade Commission dispositions related to collusion of foreign companies

Education

2007-2008	Fordham Law School (Visiting Scholar)
2006-2008	Hanyang University Graduate School of Law (LL.M. coursework completed, commercial law)
1988-1992	Hanyang University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

1998	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

Publications

- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Antitrust Litigation 2026: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Antitrust Litigation 2025: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Antitrust Litigation 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Litigation 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- ICLG Competition Litigation Laws & Regulations – Competition Litigation 2024: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- ICLG Competition Litigation Laws & Regulations – Competition Litigation 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Litigation 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Practice of Writing a Civil Appellate Judgment (Seoul High Court Judiciary Practice Improvement Committee, 2017) (co-authored)
- Fraudulent Payment for Shares and Criminal Liability (Cheongyeonnonchong Vo. 7, 2010)
- Trends in Precedents on Interpretation of Article 4 of the Act on the Registration of Real Estate under Actual Titleholder’s Name (Trials and Precedents No. 15, Daegu District Court, 2007)
- Key Examination Points for Different Types of Cases: Civil Case Management Know-How - Focusing on Role of Participating Officers (Seoul Central District Court, 2004)

Key Lectures

- Lecture on Supreme Court rulings on laws and regulations related to the Fair Trade Act (Fair Competition Federation and Competition Forum)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for Antitrust and Competition, Legal Times, 2023-2026

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