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Mr. Yong Joon Cho is currently a senior counsel at Shin & Kim whose main practice focuses on corporate litigation (management disputes, labor, rehabilitation cases), criminal litigation (white collar crimes), unfair competition and trade secrets, logistics, and inter-Korean economic cooperation.

Mr. Cho served as a judge from 1988 to 2010, specifically, as a presiding judge of the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the Seoul Central District Court from 2007 to 2010, a judge of the Civil and Criminal Divisions of the Seoul High Court from 2001 to 2002, a senior presiding judge of the Chuncheon District Court (administrative cases, corporate rehabilitation cases such as management of rehabilitated companies) from 2004 to 2006, and a chief justice of Yeosu Branch of the Suwon District Court.

Having handled a broad range of cases including administrative, construction, and corporate rehabilitation cases and worked on joint research during his long tenure at the Seoul Central District Court and the Seoul High Court, Mr. Cho has a comprehensive understanding of and approach to problem solving. During his tenure as a presiding judge, Mr. Cho also made several in-court presentations on French and European law as the head of the French Judicial Research Group under the Supreme Court's Judicial Policy Office, and visited French courts as a representative of the Korean courts.

Since joining Shin & Kim LLC, Mr. Cho has successfully led large teams in several large-scale criminal cases such as those involving the chairman of a major conglomerate, and has also been involved in corporate management disputes, labor cases such as the case of KTX female train attendant of Korea Railroad Corporation, corporate advising and disputes in connection with logistics and intermodal transportation, intellectual property rights, etc., as well as corporate rehabilitation proceedings for a large corporate group.

He has also led seminars European Union law based on his extensive knowledge of European Union law, which is a rare experience for the practitioners, and provided various legal advice to Korean government agencies and companies such as the Ministry of Unification and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport on logistics and inter-Korean exchange and cooperation projects. He is also a railroad expert with extensive experience in consulting and disputes on railroads, including the Najin-Hasan Project and the OSJD Government Agreement.

Mr. Cho has authored numerous articles on legal issues in various fields, including corporate labor and logistics, inter-Korean economic cooperation, etc., and has participated as a speaker or panelist in many domestic and international seminars. He has been recognized as a Recommended Lawyer by the Legal 500 Asia Pacific and other international publications.

Professional Career

2020-Present	Overseas South-North Continental Project Advisory Member, Korea Railroad Corporation
2019-Present	Member (Chairman of Exchange and Cooperation), Policy Advisory Committee, Ministry of Unification
2017-Present	Legal Counsel, Korea National Railway
2016-Present	KCAB Arbitrator
2014-2016	Chair, Legislation and Judiciary Committee, Seoul Bar Association
2010-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2007-2010	Chief Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2005-2007	Head, Yeosu Branch, Suwon District Court
2004	Senior Chief Judge, Chuncheon District Court
2003	Chief Judge, Chuncheon District Court
2002	Judge, Seoul District Court
2000-2002	Judge, Seoul High Court
1998-2000	Judge, Seoul District Court
1996-1998	Judge, Seoul Southern District Court
1993-1996	Judge, Uijeongbu Branch, Seoul District Court
1988-1993	Judge, Busan District Court
1986-1988	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Represented the KTX female train attendant against Korea Railroad Corporation.
- Represented criminal and civil lawsuits against the chairman of Company H.
- Represented Company S, a listed company, in patent dispute on display panels.
- Represented Company D, a listed company, against Company M, a multinational company, for infringement of trade secrets related to the manufacturing process of liquid crystal mixtures.

- Represented the three affiliates of Dongyang Group in corporate rehabilitation proceedings.
- Represented the client in the largest corporate tax litigation involving the Yongsan Development Project.

Education

1998	Second University of Paris, D.S.U. Program, France (Visiting Scholar)
1985	Seoul National University Graduate School of Law (LL.M.)
1983	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

1988	Admitted to bar, Korea
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Languages

Korean, English, French

Professional Activities

- Labour related laws in the EU, EU Brief Vol.4 No.6, 2012
- EU Legal Institutions and the Effectiveness of EU's External Agreement, EU Brief Vol.3 No.6, 2011
- European union law and its concrete application in the member states, Legal Profession, July 2010
- Laws of the European Union and Application thereof in France, Judicial System Research Group
- Sentencing System in France, Sentencing System Research Meeting, Court Administration Agency
- Comparative Analysis of Requirements for Crimes, Statutory Sentences and Sentences given by judges in France and Korea
- Review of Domestic Laws Related to the OSJD Government Agreement, Ministry of Land and Infrastructure and Transport
- Study on Potential Legal Issues and Solutions in the Transition of North Korea to Capital Market System –Comparative Study of Laws of China, Vietnam, Russia, Hungary - (Chief Researcher)
- Study on Reinsurance (M.A. Thesis)

Professional Accolades

- "Recommended Lawyer" for Employment, Legal500, 2018

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