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Mr. Sang-bong Nam is currently a senior counsel of Shin & Kim whose main practice areas include criminal defense, trade secrets, intellectual property, information and communications technology, and sports marketing.

With his 30 years of first-hand experience at the Prosecutors' Office and leading conglomerates, Mr. Nam advises and represents in cases regarding various corporate issues and compliance, trade secret misappropriation, digital forensics, and sports marketing.

For 19 years, Mr. Nam served as a prosecutor at the Supreme Prosecutors' Office and the District Prosecutors' Offices where he made such outstanding contributions to the investigation of high-tech crimes, especially the industrial technology infringement and divulgence cases, that he was notoriously called 'the grim reaper' against industrial spies. In addition, as a pioneer in the field of digital forensics, he laid the foundation for digital investigation support at the Prosecution Service by leading the establishment of the Supreme Prosecutors' Office's Digital Forensics Center and the Digital Investigation Teams at the District Prosecutors' Office level, gaining early recognition for his expertise.

After moving to the private sector, he served as a vice president at the telecommunications giant KT Group for nine years, leading risk reviews and policy decisions on serious corporate issues as the chief legal officer, the chief ethics officer, and the president of KT's affiliated company KT Sports. He is highly noted for his efforts to enhance in-house legal practices and establish internal compliance, proving his capabilities and true worth as a professional manager by leading the professional baseball team KT Wiz's victory in both the Korean Series and the KBO League regular season in the shortest seven years in the team's history.

In addition, Mr. Nam has contributed to the public interest by serving as a member of a governmental or public interest committee, such as the Korea Exchange Securities Listing Disclosure Committee, the Internet Election News Deliberation Commission, and the Internet Address Dispute Mediation Committee.

Professional Career

2024-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2020-2022	President, KT Sports
2018-2020	Chief Ethics Officer, KT Corporation (Vice President)
2013-2017	Chief Legal Officer, KT Corporation (Executive Director/Vice President)
2011-2012	Attorney at Law, Myungmoon Law Firm
2010-2011	Chief Prosecutor, Incheon District Prosecutors' Office (Violent Crimes Division 2)
2009-2010	Chief Prosecutor, Seoul Northern District Prosecutors' Office (Violent Crimes Division 2, 3)
2007-2009	Digital Investigation Officer, Supreme Prosecutors' Office
2006-2007	Chief Prosecutor, Cheongju District Prosecutors' Office
2004-2006	Deputy Chief Prosecutor dispatched to the Ministry of Science and ICT (Legal Advisor to the Minister)
2002-2004	Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Seongnam Branch, Suwon District Prosecutors' Office
2000	Visiting Researcher (in Patent Law), Santa Clara University
1999-2002	Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office
1997-1999	Prosecutor, Chuncheon District Prosecutors' Office
1995-1997	Prosecutor, Seoul Northern District Prosecutors' Office
1994-1995	Prosecutor, Yeongwol Branch, Chuncheon District Prosecutors' Office
1992-1994	Prosecutor, Daegu District Prosecutors' Office
1990-1992	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Professional Activities

2017-2020	Member, Korea Exchange Securities Listing Disclosure Committee
2014-2015	Vice President, Korea Association for Informedia Law
2012-2017	Member, Internet Election News Deliberation Commission, National Election Commission
2012	Advisor, Korea Software Property-Right Council
2011-2012	Vice President, Digital Forensics Industry Forum
2011-2012	ETNews, Global IT Leaders Forum
2011-2012	Member, Incheon District Court Mediation Committee
2005	WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization), Internet Domain Arbitrator Course
2004-2016	Member, Internet Address Dispute Mediation Committee
2001-2002	Seoul National University College of Engineering, Best Industrial Strategy Course

Key Experience

Career Experience as a prosecutor

- Industrial Technology Leaks -

- PDP display manufacturer's attempted leakage of core PDP multi-chamfering technology to Taiwan
- LCD display manufacturer's attempted leakage of core color STN LCD manufacturing technology to China
- LCD equipment manufacturer's attempted leakage of core LCD panel equipment manufacturing technology to the U.S.
- Mobile phone manufacturer's leakage of GSM-type phone manufacturing technology to China
- Semiconductor equipment company's leakage of equipment manufacturing technology
- Processed financial information provider's leakage of its database
- Leakage of system source codes of a remote video education system technology
- Leakage of program source codes of an accounting program manufacturer
- Special film manufacturer's leakage of special film processing technology for electronic devices
- FPCB manufacturer's leakage of flexible circuit boards processing technology for mobile devices

- Intellectual Property Rights -

- Haedong Kumdo's dispute over its copyrightability
- Hanji Lampshade's patent infringement case
- Eyelash shaping device manufacturer's dispute over violation of the Utility Model Act
- Mooyoung CAD's computer program copyright infringement case
- Satellite broadcasting transmitter and receiver's dispute over violation of the Unfair Competition Prevention Act
- Hydrogen water generator manufacturer's dispute over patent infringement

- Cybercrime -

- Internet company/credit card company's personal data and credit information leakage case
- Crackdown on cybersex trafficking gangs and minor sex trafficking fraud rings
- Crackdown on obscene Internet sites and cyber stalkers
- Crackdown on Internet personality rights infringement schemes
- Crackdown on sports reporters receiving bribes

Career Experience as an entrepreneur

- Led and won a VAT refund case worth KRW 100 billion

- Advised on the sale and acquisition of affiliate companies
- Defended in a dispute over the installation of a high-speed internet network in Poland
- Defended in the crackdown on violations of the Anti-Corruption Act by the New York Stock Exchange
- Identified and fixed the cause of a fire accident at the KT Ahnhyeon Telecommunications Branch Office
- Advised on the multi-complex building construction project in Gwangjin-gu
- Led business management and implementation status checks of affiliated companies

Education

2005-2009	Yonsei University Law School Master of Intellectual Property Law (M.I.P.)
1982-1986	Yonsei University Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)

Qualifications

1992	Admitted to bar, Korea
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Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- A Study on Audio/Video Recording of Investigation Process in Four European States (2000)
- Panel at the Current Amendments and Future Challenges to the Act on Prevention of Industrial Technology Seminar hosted by the Ministry of Knowledge Economy (2012)
- Keynote speaker at the 2011 International Intellectual Property Rights and Industrial Security Conference hosted by Financial News (2011)
- Presenter on cybercrime safeguards at the International Association of Prosecutors in Singapore (2008)
- Attendee at the Council of Europe's International Convention on Cybercrime (2008)
- Lecturer on Industrial Security at Samsung Electronics, LG Electronics, Hyundai Heavy Industries, Pantech, the Institute of Justice, the Judicial Research and Training Institute, and the National Police Agency, etc. (2005-2006)

- A Study on Digital Investigations of Major Investigative Agencies such as FBI, DEA, and IRS (2005)

Publications

- Scope of the Right to Request Disclosure of 'Personal Information Provided by Telecommunications Operators to Third Parties Such as Investigative Agencies' (Information Law Casebook II. Korea Association for Infromedia Law, 2016)
- 'Industrial Spy' in the Types of New Crimes (Judicial Research and Training Institute, 2005)
- Investigation Case Analysis and Countermeasures against Industrial Espionage (Collection of Dissertations on Industrial Security of the National Intelligence Service, 2004)
- A Study on Business Method Patents (Collection of Dissertations of the Prosecutors Studied Overseas. Institute of Justice, 2001)