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Mr. Sejong Kim is a Parner at Shin & Kim, mainly practicing in the areas of Financial Disputes, Corporate Governance and Management Disputes , Corporate Investigation & White Collar Crime, General Criminal Defense, and Criminal Litigation.

During his 24-year judicial career from 2001 to 2025, Mr. Kim served as a judge at the Seoul Southern District Court, the Seoul Central District Court, and the Daegu District Court, as the chief of General Secretariat of the Sentencing Commission of Korea, as the director of judicial procedure at the National Court Administration, and as a judge (presiding judge, chief judge) at the Seoul High Court, and as the expert and senior expert counsel of the Sentencing Commission of Korea. After retiring from the judiciary, he joined Shin & Kim as a partner attorney in March 2025.

As a high court judge (presiding judge, chief judge) of the Seoul High Court, Mr. Kim served in the Criminal (Corruption) and Civil (Commercial and Corporate) Divisions, where he handled various criminal cases, such as presidential bribery cases, as well as a wide range of corporate and financial cases including financial damages, and corporate disputes; as the chief of General Secretariat, as the expert and senior expert counsel of the Sentencing Commission of Korea, he handled sentencing matters; and as a director of judicial procedure at the National Court Administration, he handled judicial administration related to criminal trials. During his tenure as a high court judge, he was twice recognized as an Outstanding Judge by the Seoul Bar Association.

Professional Career

2025-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2023-2025	High Court Judge, Seoul High Court (Presiding Judge; Specializing in civil construction)
2020-2023	High Court Judge, Seoul High Court (Presiding Judge; Specializing in civil commercial and corporate law)
2018-2020	High Court Judge, Seoul High Court (Chief Judge; Specializing in criminal corruption)

2016-2018	Presiding Judge, Changwon District Court Masan Branch (Civil settlement, civil solo trial)
2015-2016	Director of Judicial Procedure, National Court Administration (Criminal)
2014-2015	Chief of General Secretariat, Sentencing Commission
2013-2014	Judge, Seoul Eastern District Court (Criminal appeals)
2012-2013	Judge, Seoul Eastern District Court (Civil solo trial)
2010-2012	Judge, Seoul Central District Court (Criminal solo trial)
2009-2010	Judge, Incheon District Court (Family solo trial)
2008-2009	Judge, Incheon District Court (Criminal solo trial)
2006-2008	Judge, Daegu District Court (Civil solo trial; Specializing in damages)
2005-2006	Judge, Daegu District Court (Civil appeals)
2004-2005	Judge, Seoul Central District Court (Criminal appeals; Specialized in, drugs)
2003-2004	Judge, Seoul Central District Court (Civil settlement)
2002-2003	Associate Judge, Seoul High Court (Civil media)
2001-2002	Associate Judge, Seoul Southern District Court (Civil settlement)
2001	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Education

2013-2014	UC Berkeley Law School (Visiting Scholar)
1991-1999	Seoul National University, College of Business Administration (B.B.A.)

Qualifications

2001	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Commentary on Criminal Act and Special Chapters of Criminal Act, 6th Edition (co-authored)
- Commentary on Criminal Procedure Act, 6th Edition (co-authored)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Lawyer" for Litigation, Legal Times, 2026

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