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Ga jin Choi is a partner at Shin & Kim, specializing in banking and finance.

Ms. Choi has worked on a wide range of domestic and international financial deals. She is skilled in providing advice on acquisition financing, credit financing, and corporate financing, as well as financial regulatory matters. She has also advised on alternative investments and private equity investments. Currently, her focus is on domestic and international acquisition financing, where she has played a key role in major transactions.

She graduated from Seoul National University's College of Law and earned her LL.M. degree from the University of California Berkeley, School of Law. She also worked as a secondee lawyer at the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation.

Ms. Choi's expertise has been recognized by the IFLR1000, where she has been named a 'Leading Lawyer' in the Banking category in 2022 and 2023.

Professional Career

2017-2018	Secondment to Government of Singapore Investment Corporation (GIC) Singapore Office
2011-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2009-2011	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Key Experience

- Acquisition financing for acquisition by Blackstone of JJ Tools

- Acquisition financing for acquisition by EQT Partners of KJ Environment
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by MBK Partners of Homeplus
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by Affinity PE of SK Rent-a-car
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by BPEA of Accuon Capital
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by IMM PE of AirFirst
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by Anchor PE of Kakao Entertainment
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by Centroid Investment of Taylormade
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by Hynix of Intel's division
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by Brookfield of SK Material's industrial gas business
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by KCC and SJL Partners of Momentive
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by Netmarble of SpinX
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by SD Biosensor of Meridian Bioscience
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by EQT Partners of SK Shieldus
- Acquisition financing for acquisition by Hillhouse of SK Eco Prime

Education

2017	University of California Berkeley School of Law (LL.M.)
2005	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2011	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Acquisition Finance 2026: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Acquisition Finance 2025: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Chambers Global Practice Guides – Acquisition Finance 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Banking and Finance, Chambers Asia, 2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Securities and Finance, Legal Times, 2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Banking and Finance, IFLR1000, 2022-2025
- "Rising Star" for Finance, Legal Times, 2021

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