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Mr. Seunghyun Lee is a Senior Advisor at at Shin & Kim, mainly practicing in the areas of Corporate Investigation & White Collar Crime, Foreign Investments, and other cross-border legal matters.

Mr. Lee is an immigration expert with approximately 33 years of service as a public official under the Ministry of Justice's Immigration Service since 1993. He has extensive experience in formulating and implementing policies and managing operations related to foreign nationals, including visas, stays, nationality, immigration screening, law enforcement, and migrant integration.

During his many years at the Ministry, Mr. Lee spearheaded improvements to visa systems for attracting foreign investment and recruiting foreign students and other high-caliber talent, alongside streamlining unnecessary regulations in visa and stay policies and migrant integration policies. While serving as the head of the Office, he gained broad experience in handling cases involving various types of crimes committed by foreign nationals.

Based on his extensive experience in policy formulation and implementation within the public sector, Mr. Lee currently advises clients on foreign national visa and stay management, migrant integration, foreign national-related disputes, and administrative responses.

Professional Career

2026-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2024-2025	Director, Seoul Southern Immigration and Foreigners Service Office
2023-2024	Director, Migrant Integration Division, Ministry of Justice
2021-2023	Director, Visa Processing Division, Ministry of Justice
2020-2021	Director, Administrative Affairs Division, Seoul Immigration and Foreigners Service Office
2020	Director, Immigration Screening Support Division, Incheon Airport Immigration Office

2015-2020 Deputy Director, Visa Processing Division, Ministry of Justice

Key Experience

- Foreign national-related legal and administrative matters, including visa and residency management, nationality issues, immigration inspection, enforcement actions involving foreign offenders, and immigrant social integration policies, as well as dispute resolution and responses to administrative proceedings

Education

1984-1991 Daegu University, Department of Trade (B.A. in International Trade)

Qualifications

2014 Licensed Administrative Agent, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Guidelines for Public Officials of Central Government Ministries and Local Governments Regarding Foreign Nationals (2023)
- Customized Stay Guide for Foreign Residents (2022)