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Mr. Taihyung Kim is a partner at Shin & Kim, mainly practicing in the areas of corporate criminal law, cross-border criminal matters, and defense industry-related issues.

Mr. Kim is a former prosecutor with approximately 17 years of experience, having served at various prosecutorial offices—including the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office, the Busan District Prosecutors' Office, the Incheon District Prosecutors' Office, the Cheonan Branch of the Daejeon District Prosecutors' Office, and the Seosan Branch of the Daejeon District Prosecutors' Office—as well as at the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Defense Acquisition Program Administration. During his time working in the major investigative divisions of the Seoul and Busan District Prosecutors' Offices, he handled high-profile white-collar crime cases involving embezzlement and breach of trust, as well as cases involving violations of the Customs Act, the Foreign Exchange Transactions Act and the Foreign Trade Act, and narcotics offences.

While working at the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he oversaw the government's response to the National Assembly on matters relating to prosecutorial investigations, handled special pardons and parole, and managed extradition and mutual legal assistance in major criminal cases. He was also in charge of responding to investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) cases filed against the Republic of Korea by corporations such as Companies L and E. In addition, at the Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA), he served as Director of Legal Litigation and Director of Supervision and Support, where he provided legal advice on defense industry-related matters and oversaw related litigation.

Drawing on his diverse experience and expertise, he offers comprehensive and in-depth legal services that address a range of issues arising from domestic and international corporate activities.

Professional Career

2026-Present	Shin & Kim LLC

2025-2026	Chief Prosecutor, Cheonan Branch, Daejeon District Prosecutors' Office
2024-2025	Head of the Criminal Planning Division, Prosecution Bureau, Ministry of Justice
2023-2024	Head of the International Criminal Affairs Division, Prosecution Bureau, Ministry of Justice
2023	Head of the International Legal Policy Division, International Legal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice (Acting Head of the International Investment Disputes Division)
2023	Head of the International Legal Affairs Division, Legal Affairs Office, Ministry of Justice (Acting Head of the International Dispute Response Division)
2022-2023	Head of the International Crime Investigation Division, Incheon District Prosecutors' Office
2021-2022	Legal Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
2020-2021	Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office
2020	Prosecutor, Busan District Prosecutors' Office
2018-2020	Director of Legal Litigation and Director of Supervision and Support, Defense Acquisition Program Administration
2017-2018	Prosecutor, Seoul Eastern District Prosecutors' Office
2014-2017	Prosecutor, International Criminal Affairs Division, Prosecution Bureau, Ministry of Justice
2011-2014	Prosecutor, Seosan Branch, Daejeon District Prosecutors' Office
2009-2011	Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office
2006-2009	Judge Advocate, Republic of Korea Air Force
2006	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Education

2012-2018	Seoul National University Graduate School of Law (Ph.D. coursework completed, Tax Law)
2012-2013	Georgetown University Law Center (LL.M.)
2004-2009	Seoul National University Graduate School of Law (LL.M., Tax Law)
1999-2004	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

2014	Admitted to bar, New York
2006	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Study on the Korean Earned Income Tax Credit (Thesis for a Master's degree in Tax Law at Seoul National University Graduate School of Law) (2009. 2.)

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