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Mr. Dong-Seung Shin is a partner at Shin & Kim, where he focuses on advisory and litigation matters in the areas of tax, constitutional and administrative law, as well as civil and criminal disputes.

Mr. Shin began his legal career as a judge of the Cheongju District Court in 1989. Over the course of his career, he served for approximately 19 years as a judge and 11 years and six months as a constitutional research officer. During this period, he served as a judge and presiding judge in courts at various levels. During his judicial career, Mr. Shin handled a broad range of civil, criminal, and family matters in courts at various levels. He also served as a Presiding Judge of the Seoul Administrative Court and as a judge in the Special Division (now the Administrative Division) of the Seoul High Court, where he adjudicated numerous administrative cases, including tax disputes.

In addition, Mr. Shin was seconded to the Constitutional Court of Korea from 1997 to 1999, where he served as a Constitutional Research Officer. From 2008 to 2019, he served as a Senior Constitutional Research Officer, Chief Constitutional Research Officer, and Head of the Research and Instruction Department at the Constitutional Research Institute. During this period, he was extensively involved in the review and research of a wide range of constitutional cases, including constitutional complaints, constitutional review of statutes, and competence disputes, building substantial expertise in constitutional adjudication and constitutional litigation.

Since the early 1990s, Mr. Shin has been actively involved in the Tax Law Study Group (now the Korean Association of Tax Law), serving as Director of Research and Vice President. He continues to engage in academic activities in the fields of tax and constitutional law. Drawing on his extensive judicial and academic experience, Mr. Shin provides comprehensive legal services in tax, constitutional and administrative law, as well as civil and criminal disputes.

Professional Career

2026-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2024-Present	Adjunct Professor, Sungkyunkwan University Law School

2024-2026	Advisor, Gaon Law Firm
2019-Present	Chief Executive Officer, FLL Co., Ltd.
2018-2019	Head of the Research and Instruction Department, Constitutional Research Institute
2012-2018	Chief Constitutional Research Officer, Constitutional Court of Korea
2010-2012	Senior Constitutional Research Officer, Constitutional Court of Korea
2008-2010	Director General, Planning and Coordination Office; Senior Constitutional Research Officer, Constitutional Court of Korea
2005-2008	Presiding Judge, Seoul Administrative Court
2003-2005	Presiding Judge, Goyang Branch of the Uijeongbu District Court
2001-2003	Presiding Judge, Daejeon District Court
1999-2001	Judge, Seoul High Court
1997-1999	Constitutional Research Officer (on secondment from the Seoul High Court), Constitutional Court of Korea
1995-1997	Judge, Incheon District Court
1994	Judge, Seongnam Branch of the Suwon District Court
1989-1994	Judge, Cheongju District Court
1985	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Education

1994-1995	Harvard Law School, Visiting Scholar
1989	Seoul National University Graduate School (LL.M., Tax Law)
1983	Seoul National University College of Law (LL.B.)

Qualifications

1985	Admitted to Bar, Korea
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Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- “A Study on Permanent Establishments under Tax Treaties,” Master’s Thesis, Department of Law, Seoul National University Graduate School, 1989

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