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Kevin Choi is a senior foreign attorney at Shin & Kim.

With more than two decades of in-house and private practice experience in Seoul and overseas, his practice focuses on corporate and finance matters. Mr. Choi has extensive experience representing numerous Korean and foreign companies, investment and commercial banks, real estate investment vehicles, private equity funds, insurance companies and other multinational corporations and financial institutions in a myriad of matters, including real estate financing transactions, compliance and privacy matters, restructuring and insolvency matters, asset-backed securitization, structured finance and derivative transactions.

Prior to re-joining Shin & Kim in 2017, Mr. Choi worked in-house at The Royal Bank of Scotland plc as a senior member of its APAC legal team and its onshore management team for 7 years where he managed a broad range of regulatory, transactional and contentious matters pertaining to its onshore banking and securities operations. Before joining RBS, Mr. Choi worked at a number of major law firms in Seoul and New York City, advising multinational corporations and financial institutions in their financing, capital markets and securitization transactions.

Mr. Choi received his B.A. from Columbia College, Columbia University in 1996 in Economics and his J.D. from Boston College Law School in 2000. He is a member of the New York and Massachusetts bars. He is fluent in English and Korean.

Professional Career

2017-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2010-2016	Head of Legal, Korea, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
2004-2010	Shin & Kim LLC
2002-2004	Associate Attorney, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York, NY
2000-2002	Associate Attorney, Sidley Austin LLP, New York, NY

Key Experience

- Represented major foreign banks and securities firms in various types of financial transactions, also advising on their business operations and compliance matters.
- Advised foreign financial companies on regulatory matters, including licensing issues and shareholding reporting.
- Represented a major entertainment company in Korea in connection with its shareholders' meetings and advised on various civil and criminal litigation matters.
- Represented a major international hedge fund, advising on its investment in major Korean unicorn companies.
- Represented a foreign real estate asset management company, advising on real estate transactions and purchase of CEO's stake in an affiliate company.
- Represented an overseas asset management company, advising on its investment in real estate PF loans.
- Represented a foreign asset management company in connection with its successful defense of an investigation conducted by Korea's Financial Supervisory Service.
- Advised major foreign asset management companies in connection with the registration of various of their funds with Financial Supervisory Service.
- Representing a major credit card company in Korea, logistics REITs and foreign asset management companies in connection with their respective IPOs.
- Advised global investment banks and Korean credit card companies in connection with cross-border asset securitization transactions.
- Advised major Korean banks and KHFC in connection with the issuance of covered bonds and mortgage-backed securities.
- Represented foreign financial companies in connection with establishing their business operations in Korea, including in the forms of a branch, liaison office, subsidiary etc.
- Represented and advised a major Korean insurance company on regulatory matters connected to undertaking a new, non-traditional line of business (e.g., e-commerce).
- Represented and advised foreign entertainment and casino companies on AML and compliance matters.

Education

1997-2000	Boston College Law School, Newton, MA (J.D., 2000)
1992-1996	Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY (B.A., 1996)

Qualifications

2001	Admitted to bar, New York
2001	Admitted to bar, Massachusetts

Languages

English, Korean

Professional Activities

- The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides – Capital Markets 2026: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides – Capital Markets 2025: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides – Capital Markets 2023: Korea Chapter (Co-authored)
- Asset-backed securitisation in Korea outside the ABS Act

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Capital Markets, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2020-2025

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