

구성원 소개

Attorney Choi Jin-sook is a specialist in financial law. Ms. Choi completed the 28th class of the Judicial Research and Training Institute and began her career as a finance lawyer at HMP Law. She joined Barun Law LLC in 2018 as a finance specialist and has since advised on a broad range of financial matters, including project finance, real estate finance, structured finance, asset securitization, overseas investments, real estate funds, real estate investment trusts (REITs), and non-performing loans (NPLs), covering both specialized and general finance. Building on her advisory expertise, she also actively handles financial disputes, including litigation and arbitration.

Since 2019, when a series of distressed private equity funds such as the Lime Fund and Optimus Fund faced mass redemption suspensions, Ms. Choi recognized the gravity of the situation based on her experience during the 2007 Lehman Brothers crisis. She promptly organized a task force and established a distinctive competitive edge in the fund market. As head of the firm's Distressed Private Equity Fund Response TF, she worked closely with accounting firms and overseas law firms to conduct due diligence on numerous overseas distressed funds and to advise on recovery of offshore claims. More recently, in response to the evolving financial environment, she has expanded and reorganized the team into the Alternative Investment Recovery Advisory TF. The team now provides advisory services in areas including recovery of overseas real estate-related claims, restructuring of distressed project finance (PF) sites, recovery strategies for creditor financial institutions in insolvency proceedings, and transactions involving financial institutions' special assets such as NPLs.

As head of the firm's Financial Regulatory Response Team, Ms. Choi leads a multidisciplinary group comprising former judges and prosecutors, financial regulatory specialists, attorneys with extensive experience at institutions such as the Financial Supervisory Service and the Korea Exchange, and certified public accountants. Through this collaborative structure, she has expanded the firm's capabilities in areas such as licensing and registration of financial institutions, regulatory inspections and sanctions, listing maintenance, accounting supervision, interpretation of financial laws and compliance, and financial investigations, litigation, and disputes.

Ms. Choi is also actively engaged in external activities, serving as a member of the Asset Management Committee of the National Housing Fund, the Investment Review Committee of Korea Post Finance, the Alternative Investment Committee of the Korea Federation of SMEs Mutual Aid ("*nolan-usan*"), the Sanctions Review Committee of the Financial Supervisory Service, and the Central Land Tribunal. She was recognized as a "Leading Lawyer" in Securities and Finance by Legal Times in 2022 and 2023.

학력

1999	Judicial Research and Training Institute of Supreme Court of Korea (28th)
1996	Passed the Bar Exam (38th)



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최근업무사례

[특허, 상표권 등 침해 대응] 국가지원 기술개발 지원사업 과제의 중복성 이슈를 제재 처분 전 단계에서 확실하게 해소한 사건

[지식재산] 유명 프랜차이즈에 관한 상표권침해 소송에서 확실하게 승소한 사건

[금융자문] 우리은행 3분기 특수채권(약 1,802억 원) 매각자문 완료

[금융자문] 우리은행 2분기 특수채권(약 5,226억 원) 매각자문 완료

[금융·민사] 주식매매계약의 체결 이후 대상회사의 상장폐지가 있었음을 이유로 사정변경에 의한 계약해제를 인정한 1심 판결을 뒤집고 승소확정 판결을 이끌어낸 사례

[지식재산] 유명 프랜차이즈 '우리할매떡볶이'의 상표 리스크를 확실하게 제거한 사건

[금융·민사] 자산운용사와 증권사가 미국 소재 유명 호텔 매입과정에서 100억원 계약금을 몰취당한 사건에서 추가예치금은 총액인수인(증권사)의 부담이라는 대법원 판결을 이끌어낸 사례

[금융·민사] 해외부동산 매입과정에서 몰취당한 100억원 가량의 계약금 분담비율에 관한 국내 금융기관간 소송에서 1심 패소를 뒤집고 항소심에서 승소한 사례

[금융·행정] H자산운용의 부동산투자회사법상 자산관리회사(AMC) 국토교통부 경영인가 취득 관련 자문

[행정·환경] 폐기물처리업체를 대리하여 행정청이 폐기물처리업체의 사업시행자지정 및 실시기획인가 신청을 반려한 처분은 처분사유도 인정되지 아니하고 재량권을 일탈·남용한 것 등

1991	College of Law, Seoul National University	[금융] 이탈리아 헬스케어 사모펀드 관련 법률실사 완료
1986	Geochang Girls' High School	

경력	
2018 ~ Present	Partner, Barun Law LLC
2022 ~ Present	Member, Central Land Appropriation Committee of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
2022 ~ Present	Member, Alternative Investment Committee of Yellow Umbrella Mutuals, Korea Federation of SMEs
2021 ~ Present	Member, Finance and Investment Deliberations Committee of Korea Post
2021 ~ Present	Member, Deposit Money Funds Operations Sub-Division of Korea Post
2021 ~ Present	Member, Construction Industry Guarantee Operations Committee
2021 ~ Present	Legal Counsel, Korea Housing and Urban Guarantee Corporation
2021 ~ Present	Member, Legal Risk Management Committee, Korea Housing and Urban Guarantee Corporation
2020 ~ Present	Member, Global Project Advisory Committee, Korea Securities Depository
2020 ~ Present	Member, Sanctions Exemption Deliberation Committee of the Financial Supervisory Service
2017 ~ Present	Member, Special Association for Adult Guardianship Legal Assistance of the Korean Bar Association
2017 ~ Present	Member, Asset Management Committee of Housing Urban Fund, Korea Housing and Urban Guarantee Corporation
2017 ~ 2020	Member, Gyeonggi Provincial Land Appropriation Committee
2012 ~ Present	Arbitrator (construction field), Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
2006 ~ 2018	Partner, Jipyoungh Law Firm
2005 ~ 2006	Partner, Jahayeon Law Firm
1999 ~ 2005	Associate, HMP Law (Hwang Mok Park)

주요업무분야

- 기업금융
- 금융거래
- 에너지/인프라
- 프로젝트금융 (PF)
- 건설·부동산
- 금융자문
- 반부패금융경제범죄
- M&A
- 대체투자회수자문
- 금융규제대응

주요 업무 및 활동

- Finance
- M&A
- Securities
- StructuredFinancing

Due Diligence, PostManagement, and Dispute Response for Distressed Private Equity Funds

RealEstate

Construction

CrossBorder Investment

Publication(s)

- Measures to Facilitate Publicly Traded Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) (REITs Journal, Vol. 15, pp. 1016), Korea Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts, 2015
- AssetBacked Securitization and True Sale: Based on Matters concerning the Corporate Reorganization Act (coauthorship with Yong Yeon CHO) (BFL, Vol. 6), Seoul National University Center for Financial Law, 2004

Press Release

- [Maeil Business Newspaper, etc.] Barun Law and KEWIC signs business partnership agreement2023. 1. 6.
- [The Bell] [Law Firms with Teams Specializing in Real Estate Matters] Barun Law operates teams specializing in certain matters and seeks to focus on debt collection and nonperforming loans (NPLs)2023. 2. 13.
- [EToday] [Innovative Law Firm Series] (1) Vanguard in Recovering Overseas Distressed Funds··· Barun Law's Alternative Investment Recovery Advisory Team2023. 8. 18.
- [EToday] [Innovative Law Firm Series] (2) Classifying Investor Demand in Distressed Funds··· Providing Tailored Advisory Services2023. 8. 18.

자격

- 2016 Completed 2016 Adult Guardian Education and Training for Professionals provided by the Korean Bar Association
- 2001 Completed 2nd Real Estate Asset Management Export Program of the Korea Productivity Center and MK-Land Co., Ltd.