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구성원 소개

Attorney Cho Jae-bin (the 29th class of the Judicial Research and Training Institute) possesses outstanding expertise in anti-corruption, corporate criminal defense, financial and economic crimes, sanctions review by the Financial Supervisory Service, self-regulation review and other committees under the Financial Services Commission, as well as reconstruction and redevelopment matters. Since joining Barun Law LLC on September 1, 2022, he has successfully handled nearly all of his entrusted cases. In particular, he has achieved remarkable results in having arrest warrants dismissed in almost every case he has taken on.

Of his 23 years as a prosecutor, he spent 18 years in special investigations. He served in the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office's Special Division as Prosecutor (Special Division 2), Deputy Chief Prosecutor (Special Division 3), and Chief Prosecutor (Special Division 4). He was also seconded or appointed to major anti-corruption and financial special investigation teams, including the Samsung Group Slush Fund Special Investigation Headquarters, the BBK Independent Counsel Team, the Seoul High Prosecutors' Office Special Investigation Team, Head of the Government Joint Anti-Corruption Task Force under the Prime Minister's Office, and Planning Director for Capital Market Investigations at the Financial Services Commission. These roles demonstrate his exceptional capabilities in the anti-corruption and financial investigation fields.

His major successful cases include:
- Downgrading the sanction of a securities company CEO from "severe disciplinary action" to "light disciplinary action" at the FSS sanctions review stage.
- Former CEO of a listed company, accused by the FSC for accounting fraud worth hundreds of billions of won, cleared with "no charges" at the prosecution stage.
- A media owner and construction company chairman charged with KRW 14.8 billion violations of the Act on the Aggravated Punishment of Specific Economic Crimes (fraud and embezzlement), with arrest warrant dismissed.
- Bank credit review head accused of breach of trust in connection with hundreds of billions of won in illegal loans involving a relative of a major financial holding company chairman, with arrest warrant dismissed.
- CEO and executives of Gangwon-do Development Corporation investigated for obstruction of bidding in the sale of Pyeongchang Alpensia Resort, all cleared without indictment.
- Accounting firm CEO, accused of stock price manipulation in the acquisition of S Motors by E Motors, subjected to search and seizure, travel ban for one year, and 15 rounds of investigation, cleared without indictment.
- Executive programmer investigated in relation to the Terra-Luna scandal for capital markets law violations, arrest warrant dismissed.
- President of the National Credit Union Federation of Korea, accused of receiving KRW 2.6 billion in bribes, had two arrest warrants dismissed.
- Executives of an S Group bread supplier (Executive Director, Managing Director) accused of violating the Labor Union Act, arrest warrants dismissed and 27 indicted employees acquitted.
- Former financial holding group chairman investigated following a search and

최근업무사례

전자주권 장외 양도를 빙자해 15억 원을 편취한 투자조합 관계자 3명의 불구속 기소를 이끌어낸 사례

항소심에서 감형(벌금 200만 원→90만 원)을 이끌어내 재개발조합장의 지위를 지켜낸 사례

서울경찰청 금융범죄수사대로부터 특경법위반(배임)죄로 압수수색 및 장기간 수사를 받은 상장사 오너를 대리해 불구속 송치 결과를 이끌어낸 사례

보이스피싱 총책 연루 의심 사건에서 보이스피싱 조직과의 무관함 및 테더코인 거래의 실질을 소명해 구속영장 기각을 이끌어낸 사례

[반부패금융경제범죄] 도시개발사업 동업자의 고소로 업무방해·공동강요·공갈 혐의로 송치된 사건에서 검찰 단계 전부 '혐의없음' 처분을 이끌어낸 사례

[고소고발·수사대응] 분양대행업체 대표의 퇴직금 미지급 진정 사건에서 근로자퇴직급여보장법 위반 고의 부정으로 검찰 단계에서 '혐의없음' 처분을 이끌어낸 사례

[경찰수사대응] 보이스피싱 조직 총책으로 의심받아 체포된 사건에서 테더코인 거래 경위 입증을 통해 조직과의 무관성을 밝혀 검찰 단계에서 경찰이 신청한 구속영장을 기각하도록 변론한 사례

[행정소송] 중징계 의결요구된 공무원 징계 사건에서 중앙징계위 감봉3월 후 소청심사위에서 감봉2월 및 징계부가금 취소 결정을 이끌어낸 사례

[금융규제대응] 홍콩 H지수 ELS 판매 관련 금감원 제재 예정 통보를 받은 시중은행을 대리해 과

seizure related to a former special prosecutor's bribery case, cleared without indictment.
- Executives of a design firm potentially indicted as co-offenders in embezzlement related to service contracts worth hundreds of billions of won, cleared without indictment.
- Former employee accused by S Electronics of breach of trust involving KRW 7 billion, arrest warrant dismissed.
- CEO of a listed company transferred for indictment opinion in a KRW 15 billion breach of trust case, cleared with "no charges" at the prosecution stage.
- Defendants accused of KRW 7 billion fraud and KRW 2 billion breach of trust, all cleared after police and prosecution investigations.
- Medical corporation case in which four executives were transferred with indictment opinion for breach of trust, cleared with "no charges."
- University professor transferred with indictment opinion for violating the Improper Solicitation and Graft Act, case closed after supplementary police investigation with "no jurisdiction for prosecution."
- Accountant indicted for aggravated larceny (only punishable by imprisonment), charge amended to solicitation of larceny, sentenced to a fine, allowing professional license to be maintained.
- Graduate student accused of violating the Sexual Crimes Act (illegal filming), transferred with indictment opinion, case closed with "no charges" after supplementary police investigation.
- Pharmaceutical company CEO accused of violating the Punishment of Tax Offenses Act, case closed with "no charges."
- KOSDAQ-listed company at risk of delisting due to disclosure violations, defended successfully with only 14.5 penalty points, maintaining listing.
- University student accused of quasi-rape, received conditional suspension of indictment with educational completion.
- Acting as complainant's counsel, secured arrest of a female businessperson who carried out a KRW 10 billion fraud scheme.

Currently, Attorney Cho serves in numerous external roles, including:
- Member, Financial Development Review Committee (Financial Industry /Innovation Subcommittee), Financial Services Commission
- Member, "Financial Public Institution Management and Budget Review Committee," Financial Services Commission
- Legal Advisor, Financial Services Commission
- Member, Exemption Review Committee, Financial Services Commission
- Member, Sanctions Review Committee for Anti-Money Laundering, Korea Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU)
- Member, Listing and Disclosure Committee, Korea Exchange KOSPI Market
- Member, Trade Technology Security Forum, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
- Member, Credit Counseling & Recovery Service
- Member, Self-Regulation Review Committee, Office for Government Policy Coordination
- Member, Administrative Appeals Committee, Korea Communications Commission
- Member, University Establishment and Restructuring Deliberation Committee, Ministry of Education
- Member and Ombudsman, Regulatory Review Committee, Korea Housing Finance Corporation
- Member, Planning Committee, Korean Bar Association and Seoul Bar Association
- Advisor, Digital Asset eXchange Alliance (DAXA)
- Former Member, Environmental Damage Relief Policy Committee, Ministry of

징금 감경과 기관경고·임직원 견책 처분을 이끌어낸 사례

[반부패금융경제범죄] 예금보험공사로부터 특경법위반(배임)죄로 수사통보된 전 건설회사 대표를 대리하여 검찰에서 '혐의없음' 종결을 이끌어낸 사례

[반부패금융경제범죄] 동업하던 회사를 탈취하고도 피해를 변상하지 않던 상대방을 형사고소하여 신속하게 합의금을 받아 피해를 회복한 사례

[금융경제범죄 및 금융규제 대응] 중징계 통보된 증권사 대표이사에 대해 금융감독원 제재심 단계에서 경징계 결정을 이끌어낸 사례

[행정] 중징계 의결 요구된 의뢰인에 대해 중앙징계위 단계에서 경징계 결정을 이끌어낸 사례

[여성아동청소년] 아동#청소년의성보호에관한법률위반(성매수등)죄 기소의견으로 송치된 의뢰인을 검찰에서 '혐의없음' 결정토록 한 사례

[기업형사] 국내 최대 수상 태양광 발전소 비리 관련, 86억 원의 허위세금계산서를 발행했다는 혐의로 입건되어 압수수색을 당한 의뢰인에 대해 혐의없음 처분을 이끌어낸 사례

[기업형사] 평창 알펜시아 리조트 매각 관련 입찰방해 혐의로 수사받은 강원도개발공사 대표 및 임직원 전원의 불입건을 이끌어낸 사례

[반부패금융경제범죄] 금융기관 상대 공사대금 148억 원을 편취하고 회사 자금 13억 원을 횡령한 혐의를 받은 건설회사 회장에 대한 구속영장을 기각시킨 사례

[기업형사] 70억 원대 특경법위반(사기), 20억 원대 특경법위반(배임)죄 등으로 고소당한 사건을 수임해 모두 혐의없음 처분받도록 한 사례

[고소고발 및 수사대응] 유사강간죄로 고소당한 의뢰인에게 교육이수조건부 기소유예 처분을 이끌어낸 사례

[형사] 고소대리하여 100억 원대 사기행각을 벌인 여성 기업인을 구속시킨 사례

[금융형사] 증선위에서 600억 원대 '회계분식' 혐의로 고발된 상장회사 전 대표이사를 검찰 수사 단계에서 '혐의없음' 결정되도록 한 사례

[기업형사] 업무상횡령죄의 공동정범 또는 방조범으로 기소될 수 있었던 설계회사 임원들을 모두 형사입건되지 않도록 한 사례

[반부패금융경제범죄] 모 금융지주 회장 친인척의 불법대출 관련 194억 원 특경법위반(배임) 혐의를 받은 은행 심사본부장의 구속영장을 기각시킨 사례

[반부패금융경제범죄] 특경법위반(배임)죄 등으로 고소고발되어 4명이 기소의견으로 송치된 의료법인 관련 사건을 변론하여 8명 모두 혐의없음 종결되도록 한 사례

[노동형사] A사의 노조탈퇴강요 사건 기소범위 최소화 및 영장재청구 방어 성공사례

Environment

Since 2022, he has also been leading various practice teams at Barun Law LLC, serving as Head of the Financial and Economic Crime & Regulation Team, Head of the Virtual Asset Criminal Response Team, and Head of the Delisting Defense Task Force, engaging actively in these capacities.

학력

2016	Certified Class 2 "Blue Belt" Prosecutor in the area of construction and civil engineering (certified by the Supreme Prosecutors' Office of the Republic of Korea)
2011	Duke University School of Law (LL.M.)
2000	Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea (29th)
1997	Passed the Bar Exam (39th)
1997	Graduate School of Law, Seoul National University
1993	College of Law, Seoul National University
1989	Jinju Dongmyung High School

경력

2022 ~ Present	Partner, Barun Law LLC
2026 ~ Present	Non-Executive Director, Korea Data Agency (K-DATA)
2026 ~ Present	Outside Director, E8 Co., Ltd.
2026 ~ Present	Executive Director, Korea Association of Anti-Money Laundering Studies
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2026 ~ Present	Executive Director, Korea Association of Anti-Money Laundering Studies
2025 ~ Present	Member, Management and Budget Review Committee for Financial Public Institutions, Financial Services Commission
2024 ~ Present	Member, Anti-Money Laundering Sanctions Deliberations Committee of the Korea Financial Intelligence Unit
2024 ~ Present	Advisory Member, Digital Asset exchange Alliance (DAXA)
2023 ~ Present	Member, University Establishment & Restructuring Review Committee, Ministry of Education
2023 ~ Present	Member, Environmental Pollution Damage Relief Policy Committee, Ministry of Environment
2023 ~ Present	

[형사] 삼성전자가 전 해외법인 주재원을 상대로 특경법위반(배임)죄로 고소하여 검찰이 구속영장을 청구했으나 기각되도록 한 사례

[기업형사] 조세범처벌법위반죄로 고소당한 제약회사 대표이사를 변호하여 혐의없음 불송치결정을 받은 사례

[형사] 150억 원 상당 특경법위반(배임)죄 기소의견으로 송치된 상장회사 대표이사 등을 검찰 보완수사를 통해 모두 혐의없음 처분받도록 한 사례

[형사] 대학교수가 청탁금지법위반죄로 기소의견으로 송치된 사안에서 보완수사를 통해 경찰의 불송치 결정을 받아낸 사례

[노동형사] 기업 계열사 임원이 근로자 583명의 노조 탈퇴를 종용하는 등 노조법 위반 혐의로 구속영장이 청구되었으나 모두 기각시킨 사례

[금융자문] 공시번복 및 공시불이행에 따른 벌점 15점 부과시 상장폐지 위기에 처한 코스닥상장기업 대리해 상장유지시킨 사례

[형사] 특수절도(징역형만 있음) 등으로 기소되어 유죄선고시 자격정지될 회계사를 선임하여 검찰이 절도교사(벌금형 있음)로 공소장변경 후 벌금구형토록 하고, 최종적으로 벌금형을 선고받아 회계사 자격 유지에 지장이 없도록 한 사례

[금융형사] 새마을금고중앙회 회장이 2억 5,000만 원 상당을 수수했다는 혐의에 대하여 검찰의 구속영장청구를 2회 기각하여 불구속 상태에서 재판을 받을 수 있도록 한 사안

[형사] 교제 당시 동의 없이 신체를 촬영했다고 주장하며 피의자를 고소한 사안에서 경찰이 기소의견으로 송치하였으나, 추가 증거 발굴 및 적극 변호로 불송치(혐의없음) 등으로 사건 종결한 사례

[금융형사] 에디슨모터스의 쌍용자동차 인수, 바이오자산 양수 등 대규모 주가조작 사건과 관련되어 출국금지된 상태에서 회사와 주거지를 모두 압수수색 당한 주요 혐의자인 의뢰인을 15회 조사 후 불입건되도록 한 사례

[금융형사] 테라 · 루나 폭락 관련 차이페이 결제 시스템을 개발, 관리한 프로그래머를 대리해 사실 관계와 법리 관련 쟁점을 검토하고 법원을 잘 설득하여 구속영장을 기각시킨 사례

주요업무분야

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재건축 재개발

반부패금융경제범죄

가상자산 형사대응

산업기술유출대응

금융소송

사학구조개선 · 학교분쟁대응

	Member, Trade & Technology Security Forum, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
2023 ~ Present	Member, Administrative Appeals Committee, Korea Communications Commission
2023 ~ Present	Member, Discharge Review Committee, Financial Services Commission
2023 ~ Present	Member, Listing Disclosure Committee (KOSPI Market), Korea Exchange
2023 ~ Present	Legal Advisor, Financial Services Commission
2023 ~ Present	Member, Planning Committee, Seoul Bar Association
2023 ~ Present	Member, Planning Committee, Korean Bar Association
2023 ~ Present	Member, Financial Development Review Committee (Financial Industry & Innovation Subcommittee), Financial Services Commission
2022 ~ Present	Member, Credit Counseling & Recovery Service
2022 ~ Present	Member, Ombudsman Regulation and Deliberations Committee of Korea Housing-Finance Corporation
2022 ~ Present	Member, Self-Regulation and Deliberations Committee of the Office for Government Policy Coordination
2021 ~ 2022	Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Incheon District Prosecutors' Office
2020 ~ 2021	Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Busan District Prosecutors' Office
2019 ~ 2020	Investigation Planning Officer, Capital Market Investigation Unit, Financial Services Commission
2018 ~ 2019	Professor, Institute of Justice Yongin Branch
2017 ~ 2018	Research Officer, Supreme Prosecutors' Office of the Republic of Korea
2016 ~ 2017	Senior Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office (Special Unit 4)
2015 ~ 2016	Senior Prosecutor, Seoul Northern District Prosecutors' Office (Criminal Unit 6)
2014 ~ 2015	Legal Advisor (head of the government's integrated anti-corruption group), Office for Government Policy Coordination
2013 ~ 2014	Deputy Senior Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office (Special Unit 4)
2010 ~ 2013	Prosecutor, Seoul Western District Prosecutors' Office
2008 ~ 2010	Planning Prosecutor, Ministry of Justice
2006 ~ 2008	Prosecutor, Cheongju District Prosecutors' Office
2003 ~ 2006	Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office
2002 ~ 2003	Prosecutor, Yeoju Branch of Suwon District Prosecutors' Office

2000 ~ 2002 Prosecutor, Busan District Prosecutors' Office

주요 업무 및 활동

Financial Economic Crimes & Financial Regulatory Response

- Represented a major commercial bank that had been notified by the Financial Supervisory Service of severe sanctions in connection with the misselling of Hong Kong HIndex ELS/ELT products, securing a substantial reduction of administrative fines (by several hundred billion KRW) and a downgrade of both institutional and individual sanctions to minor disciplinary measures during the sanctions review process.
- Represented the CEO of a securities firm who had been notified of a "reprimand warning (heavy sanction)" for postfacto provision of benefits in violation of the Capital Markets Act, successfully reducing the sanction to a "cautionary warning (light sanction)" at the Financial Supervisory Service's Sanctions Review stage.
- Represented a former listed company CEO implicated in accounting fraud amounting to KRW 60 billion; secured a full dismissal of charges after proceedings before the Accounting Review Committee, Securities and Futures Commission, and the prosecution.
- Represented a media company owner and construction company chairman accused of KRW 14.8 billion fraud and KRW 1.3 billion embezzlement under the Aggravated Punishment of Specific Economic Crimes Act; obtained denial of the arrest warrant.
- Represented the Chairman of the National Credit Union Federation accused of receiving approximately KRW 260 million in bribes; secured two consecutive denials of arrest warrants.
- Represented a programmer responsible for developing and operating the Chai payment system in connection with the Terra–Luna collapse; obtained denial of the arrest warrant.
- Represented the head of credit review at a financial holding company investigated for alleged involvement in hundreds of billions of KRW in illegal loans orchestrated by senior executives; obtained denial of the arrest warrant.
- Represented an accountant investigated in connection with a Capital Markets Act violation relating to E Motors' acquisition of S Automobile; prevented criminal indictment.
- Represented former and current employees of S Electronics accused of causing approximately KRW 7 billion in damages through inflated pricing of accessories supplied by a foreign vendor; secured denial of all arrest warrants.
- Represented a former chairman of a financial holding company subject to search and seizure; prevented criminal indictment.
- Represented executives accused of providing cash rebates in connection with a KRW 20 billion service contract; prevented criminal indictment through cooperation and defense strategy.
- Represented the owner of a listed company in a breach of trust case under the Act on the Aggravated Punishment of Specific Economic Crimes. Although the Financial Crimes Investigation Unit executed a search and seizure and the case received extensive media coverage, the client was referred to the prosecution without detention after a oneyear investigation, with the police abandoning their application for an arrest warrant.
- Represented a former CEO accused of KRW 7 billion fraud and KRW 2 billion embezzlement; secured nonindictment at both police and prosecution stages.
- Represented a former CEO accused of breach of fiduciary duty involving approximately KRW 15 billion in connection with the sale of a listed company; secured the decision of no allegations found.
- Represented eight executives of a medical foundation accused of breach of fiduciary duty under the Aggravated Punishment Act; secured no allegations found for all parties.
- Represented a KOSDAQlisted company in a disclosure violation case before the Korea Exchange; avoided delisting by helping the client obtain penalty points less than the delisting threshold.
- Represented a pharmaceutical company CEO accused under the Punishment of Tax Offenses Act; secured no violations found on the basis of the lack of intent to evade taxes.
- Represented a victim defrauded of approximately KRW 10 billion over two years; secured the arrest of the counterparty.

- Represented executives of Gangwon Development Corporation in a bidrigging investigation relating to the sale of Alpensia Resort; secured nonreferral for all parties.
- Represented a client in criminal proceedings against a former business partner who had wrongfully taken control of a jointly operated company and refused to compensate for the resulting losses, successfully securing a prompt settlement and recovery of damages.
- Represented a corporate executive who had been referred to the prosecution by the Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation through an investigative referral, obtaining a decision by the AntiCorruption Investigation Division of the Prosecutors' Office not to initiate criminal proceedings.

General Criminal Matters

- Represented a businessperson accused of acting as the leader of a voice phishing organization, who had been arrested pursuant to an arrest warrant, successfully obtaining the dismissal of detention warrant applications on two occasions.
- Represented the CEO of a real estate sales agency who had been referred for prosecution for alleged violations of the Act on the Guarantee of Employees' Retirement Benefits, obtaining a disposition of no charges.
- Represented 39 employees of a food conglomerate in a Labor Union Act violation case; secured denial of arrest warrants for senior executives and nonprosecution for 27 individuals.
- Represented a certified public accountant charged with aggravated theft (punishable only by imprisonment); persuaded the prosecution to amend charges to inducement of theft (punishable by fine), resulting in a fine and preservation of professional license.
- Represented a university professor accused of receiving golf clubs worth over KRW 1 million; proved the statute of limitations had expired, leading to dismissal.
- Represented a graduate student accused of unlawful filming; secured dismissal by demonstrating explicit or implied consent.
- Represented a university student accused of quasirape; secured conditional suspension of indictment based on settlement and mitigating circumstances.
- Investigated and prosecuted management succession irregularities involving KRW 375.5 billion within a major conglomerate family (L Group).
- Investigated and prosecuted embezzlement (KRW 4.8 billion) and rebaterelated corruption in the dairy supply industry (Company S and Company M).
- Investigated and prosecuted trade secret leakage (KRW 340 billion) involving bribery of key personnel (Company H).
- Investigated and prosecuted lobbying involving a senior government official and the head of the Fair Trade Commission related to unfair commission reductions in a major ecommerce platform.
- Investigated and prosecuted cartel conduct among four major steel companies involving price collusion over seven years.
- Investigated and prosecuted a highprofile legal broker who received KRW 2.8 billion from major construction firms.

Reconstruction & Redevelopment

- Represented a lawyer accused of receiving and attempting to receive breachoftrust bribes totaling over KRW 50 billion and causing damages of KRW 12.8 billion; secured noncustodial trial without reapplication for arrest warrant.
- Investigated and prosecuted redevelopmentrelated corruption involving Construction Company S, including the provision of KRW 1 billion to a cooperative president as part of lobbying efforts for contractor selection; further uncovered during the investigation that cooperative directors who were also local district council members were involved in votebuying in the district council chairperson election, leading to the indictment of all parties.
- Investigated and prosecuted corruption in the XX New Town redevelopment project, in which executives of a major construction company provided KRW 800 million to a maintenance company for lobbying related to contractor selection, and the district mayor received KRW 300 million of that amount.
- Investigated and prosecuted a case in which the CEO and executive director of S Construction received KRW 500 million from the developer of B Hotel, while the developer's CEO embezzled KRW 21.1 billion in corporate funds.
- Investigated and prosecuted a case involving a regional housing association, in which the association president and a demolition contractor engaged in legislative lobbying with the floor leader of an opposition party and provided approximately KRW 200 million to a secretary, while an aide received

approximately KRW 200 million in political funds under the pretext of supporting a district mayoral primary and election expenses.
- Investigated and prosecuted a redevelopment association in the Yongsan XX area for violations of the Aggravated Punishment of Specific Crimes Act (bribery), involving KRW 300 million paid to the district mayor and approximately KRW 100 million each to three individuals, including the association president.

Publications

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- Annotated Criminal Code 10: Articles (7), Pakyoungsa (Joint Authorship) (2023)