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Biography

Mr. Jaewon Choi has been selected as an outstanding lawyer by the Korean Bar Association. During his time serving as a full-time public defender, he handled a range of criminal cases and achieved lots of acquittals. He worked for a maritime boutique law firm for a long time and then he was in charge of international arbitrations and international litigations, and has vast experience in corporate advice, international transactions, and the shipbuilding & marine industry. He is also in charge of medical device and pharmaceutical cases, and has extensive experience giving lectures related to the Medical Service Act and the Medical Device Act. He obtained a master's degree in law from USC Gould School of Law in the United States, and then worked for the LA District Attorney's Office and ACI Law Group. He is now a managing partner of SIWOO LAWOFFICE.

Career

- ◆ Managing Partner of SIWOO LawOffice
- ◆ International Executive Director of the Busan Bar Association
- ◆ Representative member of the Korean Bar Association
- ◆ (Former) Law Clerk at ACI Law Group (California, USA)
- ◆ (Former) Law Clerk at the LA District Attorney's Office (California, USA)
- ◆ (Former) Full-time Public defender for Busan Eastern District Court
- ◆ (Former) Member of civil mediation committee, Busan District Court
- ◆ (Former) Lawyer, Pusan Pacific Law Office

Education

- ◆ Maritime Law Department of Korea Maritime & Ocean University (Ph.D. in Law *candidate*)
- ◆ University of Southern California Gould School of Law (LL.M., Master of Law)
- ◆ Law School of JeonBuk National University
- ◆ Seoul National University
- ◆ Haksung High School, Ulsan

Awards

- ◆ Award for Best Lawyer Commendation (Korean Bar Association, 2019)
- ◆ Award for Best Lawyer Commendation for Judicial Performance Evaluation (Busan Bar Association, 2015)



Committees & Activities

- ◆ Member of Warrant Review Committee of the Busan High Prosecutors' Office
- ◆ Member of the Litigation Aid Attorney Designation Committee of the Busan High Court
- ◆ Member of Local Subsidy Review Committee of Busan Metropolitan City
- ◆ Expert advisor of the Korea Health Industry Development Institute (KHIDI)'s GHKOL for Overseas Expansion of Healthcare System
- ◆ Expert advisor to the Intellectual Property Law of the Korea Copyright Commission
- ◆ National Tax Review Committee member (Busan Office) of the National Tax Service
- ◆ Tax Violation Deliberation Committee member (Busan Office) of the National Tax Service
- ◆ Secretary of Special Committee for Establishing the Maritime Court of the Busan Local Bar Association
- ◆ Vice Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee of the Busan kumdo Council
- ◆ Regular member of 'Lawyers Thinking About Medical Issues'
- ◆ Inquiry Counsel of the Korean Maritime Safety Tribunal
- ◆ Regular member of the Korea Maritime Law Association
- ◆ Regular member of the Youngnam Society for the Study of Criminal Case
- ◆ Regular member of the Society for the Study of Anglo-American Law of the Busan Local Bar Association
- ◆ Regular member of the Society for the Study of Maritime Law of the Busan Local Bar Association
- ◆ Regular member of the Society for the Study of Medical Law of the Busan Local Bar Association
- ◆ (Former) Member of Future Planning Special Committee of the Korean Bar Association
- ◆ (Former) Secretary of Judicial Evaluation Committee of the Busan Local Bar Association
- ◆ (Former) Legal advisor of the National Youth Healing Center
- ◆ (Former) Member of Taxpayer Protection Committee of the Suyeong Tax Office, Busan
- ◆ (Former) Member of National Tax Review Committee of the Busanjin Tax Office, Busan



Papers/Lectures/Contributions

- ◆ 2020 - Legal issues related to the operation of unmanned autonomous ships, Busan Law Review, Busan Bar Association
- ◆ 2019 - Schematic analysis of vessel preference privileges under the U.S. Act, Busan Law Review, Busan Bar Association
- ◆ 2018 - Time of delivery of marine cargo and the legal responsibility of a bonded warehouse under the FIO conditions, Ilgam Law, Konkuk University Law Institute
- ◆ 2018 - Public Defender's Precautions for Performing Duties, Busan Law Review, Busan Bar Association
- ◆ 2016 - Study on the scope of victims of retaliatory crimes under the Act on the Weighted Punishment, etc. of Specific Crimes, Busan Law Review, Busan Bar Association

- ◆ Lecture on Medical Devices Law at the Spring Conference of Korean Orthopedic Association (2019)
- ◆ Lecture on Medical Law at BUGs Foot & Ankle Society (2018, 2019)
- ◆ Training Lectures on Medical Law for Doctors at the Busan Paik Hospital (2018, 2019)

- ◆ Young Doctor's contributions "Concern about new regulations after the doctor's strike" (2018) www.docdocdoc.co.kr
- ◆ Contributed regular column the Youth Lawyer Café of the Korean Bar Association Newspaper (2017 ~ 2018)

Language

Korean, English, and Chinese

YouTube Channels & blog

- ◆ Official YouTube channel: "물어보시우" - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC130DvCB1HW8yYRtQ84U7dA>
- ◆ Personal YouTube channel: "최변의 썰라썰라" <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe29 UNmeMO8DHjpNeb3ahw>



Main Cases

[Corporate/International Transaction/Shipbuilding & Marine]

- ◆ Providing international legal advice service for a Korean insurance company (Heungkuk) in UK litigation between the Korean insurance company and the re-insurance Company (Eurasia) in connection with coverage issues under the re-insurance contract (Claim amount: Approximately USD 163 million)
- ◆ Providing international legal advice service for a Korean insurance company (Dongbu) in the litigation in Trinidad and Tobago between the Korean insurance company and CLICO in connection with coverage issues under the re-insurance contract (Claim amount: Approximately USD 1.6 million)
- ◆ Litigation related to freight damages against the ship-owner of Siteam explorer (cargo carrier) on behalf of Korean insurance companies (Claim amount: Approximately USD 6 million)
- ◆ Providing international legal advice service related to the Bangladesh litigation for a Korean insurance company, in connection with the collision and sinking of KHANAK (dredger) owned by Chittagong Port Administration Agency with "C. Utopia" at Chittagong Harbor, Bangladesh
- ◆ Providing advice on UK international commercial arbitration for a Korean insurance company (Heungkuk) in connection with the issue of default under the shipbuilding contract by JINSE Shipbuilding
- ◆ Providing legal advice service regarding the London Arbitration in connection with dispute over a shipbuilding contract between Shina SB and UACC regarding Sea Trials, Tender of Vessel, Due Date, Force Majeure, Buyer's Supplies, Deposit of Delivery Instalment (Claim amount: Approximately USD 159 million)
- ◆ Providing legal advice service regarding the dispute between POS Maritime and STX Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering and the UK London Arbitration over the warranty issue under the shipbuilding contract (Claim amount: Approximately USD 470,000)
- ◆ Providing legal advice service and advice on the UK London Arbitration for JINSE Shipbuilding in the dispute between JINSE Shipbuilding and Metrostar regarding the issues of Financial Default, Instalment Payment Due Date, Intentional Delays under the shipbuilding contract (Claim amount: Approximately USD 460,000)



- ◆ Providing legal advice service regarding the dispute under the 400k VLOC shipbuilding contract and the U.K. London Arbitration between POS Maritime and STX Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering in connection with the warranty (Claim amount: Approximately USD 470,000)
- ◆ Advice on disputes related to new ship inspection of new ship 45k Chemical Tanker between Shina SB and DNV (Claim amount: Approximately USD 20,000)
- ◆ Providing legal advice service for Orient Shipyard on the creditor financial institution joint management under the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act and the rehabilitation procedures under the Integrated Bankruptcy Act
- ◆ Providing legal advice service on the procedures of the creditor financial institution joint management under the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act for SLS Shipbuilding (Shina SB)
- ◆ Providing legal advice service for STOLT DISTRIBUTOR (Gard) in the accident involving collision between STOLT DISTRIBUTOR and a fishing boat
- ◆ Providing services for handling accidents related to the death of unloading workers of Loreto (North P&I) as well as the related legal advice service
- ◆ Handling legal disputes arising from the delivery of cargo between bonded warehouse company and freight import agency
- ◆ Providing legal advice service for a logistics company located in the U.S.A. in connection with the execution of the Agency Agreement between the logistics company and a Korean IT company
- ◆ Providing legal advice service for a crane equipment company located in the U.S.A in connection with a claim for crane usage fee between the crane equipment company and a Korean semiconductor manufacturing company
- ◆ Providing legal advice service for a Korean broadcasting company in connection with the copyright dispute between the Korean broadcasting company and a overseas broadcasting company in the U.S.A
- ◆ Providing legal advice service for a Korean medical device exporter in connection with the execution of the Vendor Agreement between the Korean medical device exporter and a intermediary service provider of the U.S.A



- ◆ Providing legal advice on review and legislation of a revised bill to the Marine Environment Management Act for the Korea Coast Guard
- ◆ Providing legal advice on lawsuits for claiming package defects for consignors in Spain to a Domestic Iberico pork importer

[Criminal] Acquittal/Unsuspected cases

- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Act on the Aggravated Punishment, Etc. of Specific Economic Crimes (Fraud) (20□□GOHAP42) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Punishment of Violence, Etc. Act (Joint Injury) (20□□GODAN2043) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Internal Organs, Etc. Transplant Act (20□□GOHAP183) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Act on the Protection of Children and Youth Against Sex Offenses (Indecent act by force) (20□□GOHAP191) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding, quasi-rape (20□□GOHAP128) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Act on the Protection of Children and Youth Against Sex Offenses (Force) (20□□GOHAP201) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding fraud (20□□GODAN2458) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Narcotics Control Act (Psychotropic) (20□□GOHAP172) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Act on Special Cases Concerning the Settlement of Traffic Accidents (20□□GOJEONG227) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Act on Special Measures for Designation and Management of Development Restriction Zones (20□□GOJEONG341) – Acquittal



- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding injury (20□□GODAN701) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding larceny (20□□GOJEONG99) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding defamation (20□□GODAN92) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Labor Standard Act (20□□GOJEONG179) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Act on Special Measures for Designation and Management of Development Restriction Zones (20□□GOJEONG264) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Health Functional Foods Act (20□□GOJEONG454) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding defamation, etc. (20□□GOJEONG260) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Military Service Act (20□□GODAN189) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding fraud (20□□GOJEONG262) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding an order to attach (20□□JEONGO4) – Judgment of the violation of jurisdiction
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding violence (20□□GOJEONG952) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Copyright Act (20□□GOJEONG1032) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan District Court regarding a violation of the Labor Standard Act (20□□GODAN181) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding injury (20□□GODAN244) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding drafting of private document by assuming false capacity (20□□GOJEONG142) – Acquittal
- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Protection of Communications Secrets Act (20□□GOJEONG377) – Acquittal



- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan District Court regarding injury by negligence in the conduct of business (20□□GODAN662) – Acquittal
- ◆ Case at the Haeundae Police Station in connection with the suspect of rape by a foreigner (20□□-15916) – Unsuspected (Non-transfer decision)
- ◆ Case at the Changwon Prosecutor’s Office in connection with the suspect of calumny (202□heungje3□□□□) – Unsuspected (Nonprosecution)

General Civil/Administrative/Domestic

- ◆ Representing Byucksan Paint in connection with a claim for damages related to a chemical tanker coating defect against NIPPON PAINT MARINE, a paint maker for ships
- ◆ Representing a domestic insurance company (Heungkuk) in connection with a litigation for cancellation of fraudulent act raised by Seoul Guarantee Insurance Company
- ◆ Representing a domestic insurance company (Heungkuk) in connection with a high-court appeal and a supreme-court appeal for cancellation of a fraudulent act raised by Daehan Logistics
- ◆ Handling legal disputes arising from the delivery of cargo between bonded warehouse company and freight import agency
- ◆ Representing Gyeongnam Highway in connection with a claim for damages against LH Corporation
- ◆ Providing legal advice services related to the employment agreement for Dookwise’s local branch manager and the appropriateness of dismissal
- ◆ Representing a domestic insurance company (Heungkuk) in connection with a claim for objection of dividend against Geo-Marine Shipbuilding’s creditors including Daehan Logistics
- ◆ Representing a domestic insurance company (Heungkuk) in connection with a claim for terminating the mortgage against the shipbuilding site of Geo-Marine Shipbuilding
- ◆ Providing legal advice to a supercar owner on issues related to the Automobile Damage Compensation Act against a domestic supercar dealer company

Rehabilitation/Bankruptcy



- ◆ Providing legal advice to a Korean insurance company (Dongbu) on issues related to the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act regarding Jinse Shipbuilding
- ◆ Procedures related to creditor's declaration of receivables and the creditor's meeting in connection with the National Professors' Credit Association's bankruptcy filing, and providing related legal advice
- ◆ Providing legal advice about the joint management on Orient Shipyard under the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act and the rehabilitation under the Integrated Bankruptcy Act
- ◆ Providing legal advice service on the procedures of the creditor financial institution joint management under the Corporate Restructuring Promotion Act for SLS Shipbuilding (Shina SB)

Medical/Medical Devices

- ◆ Providing legal advice services to L dermatology in connection with the recognition of injury under the Medical Service Act
- ◆ Providing legal advice services to orthopedic hospital B in connection with the recognition of interruption of medical care under the Medical Service Act
- ◆ Providing legal advice services on whether medical companies provided rebates in violation of the Monopoly Regulation and Fair Trade Act
- ◆ Providing legal service for a Korean medical device exporter in connection with the execution of the Vendor Agreement between the Korean medical device exporter and the U.S intermediary service provider
- ◆ Providing legal advice for large specialized hospitals located in Changwon on issues related to joint venture contracts and agreements
- ◆ Representing large domestic insurance companies in a number of civil litigation cases for damages related to medical malpractice
- ◆ Providing many medical device companies with legal advice services on the laws related to medical devices

Intellectual Property Rights

- ◆ Criminal procedure in the Busan Eastern District Court regarding a violation of the Copyright Act (20□□)



GOJEONG1032) – Acquittal

- ◆ Representing a domestic video production company and providing legal advice and preparation of warning notices regarding the prohibition of copyright infringement to public institutions in Korea
- ◆ Representing a domestic port comprehensive service provider to provide legal advice on BM patent application on a specialized platform customized for maritime transportation tourists
- ◆ Representing a public record producer and providing legal advice on copyright protection and countermeasures against copyright infringement