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Mr. Choon Won Lee is a partner in the Maritime & Aviation Team at Jipyong and advises and specializes in maritime, insurance and international trade.

Mr. Lee has extensive experience in litigations and arbitrations related to carriage of cargo, chartering, shipbuilding, and investigation and handling of maritime disasters, such as collision of vessels, ship fire and oil pollution both domestically and internationally.

Mr. Lee also possesses vast experience in dispute resolutions related to ship financing, aviation, product liability and media. He has handled various noteworthy shipping and maritime matters such as the Hyundai Fortune case, one of the largest casualty cases in the international shipping circle. In this case, he successfully persuaded the Korean court to dismiss all the claims brought against the vessel owners, including cargo claims of around USD 500 million.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Korean Bar and has a LL.M. in maritime law from the University of Southampton and a LL.B. from Seoul National University.

Education

2003	University of Southampton (LL.M.)
2001	Korea Maritime University, Graduate School

1988	Seoul National University (LL.B.)

Experience

2008-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2000-2002	Deliberation Commission Member, Korea Public Ethics Commission
1997-2008	Partner, Choi & Kim Law Offices
1996-1997	Special Advisor, Joongang Daily Newspaper
1993-1996	Associate, Lee & Ko
1993	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Honors and Recognitions



2020-2026	Distinguished Practitioner in Shipping, Asialaw
2019-2026	Leading Partner in Shipping Practice, Legal 500
2017, 2019-2026	Leading Lawyer in Shipping Practice, Legal Times
2011-2018	Leading Individual in Shipping, Legal 500
2011-2026	Leading Individual in Shipping, Chambers Asia-Pacific
2010-2019	Leading Lawyer in Shipping, Maritime & Aviation, Asialaw
2009-2019	ILO Clients Choice Awards (Shipping & Transport)

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2026	Staying afloat: Foreign shipping in Korea, Asia Business Law Journal
2025	Global Practice Guides: Shipping (Law and Practice, Trends and Developments) - South Korea, Chambers and Partners
2024	Lexology Panoramic: Shipbuilding 2025, Law Business Research
2018	The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Shipping Law 2018, Korea, Global Legal Group
2018	CHAMBERS Global Practice Guides Shipping 2018, Chambers and Partners
2014	Aviation Law Review 2014, Korea
2013-14	Arrest and release of vessels in Korea, Shipping Finance Review

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

1993 Korea

Languages

Korean / English

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