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Mr. Beom Hee Kim graduated from Seoul National University (B.A. and M.A. in Engineering) and passed the Korean Bar Examination in 1997. Since 2000, he has been advising and representing clients in all areas of intellectual property (IP) law, including patents, trade secrets, trademarks, designs, and copyrights, as well as in IT-related matters such as software, internet, telecommunications, broadcasting, and gaming. Mr. Kim has previously served as Legal Counsel to the National Research Council of Science & Technology (NST) and its 23 affiliated research institutes, Vice President of the Korea Intellectual Property Lawyers Association (KIPLA), Director of the Korean Patent Bar Association, Vice President of the Intellectual Property Community of the Seoul Bar Association, and Expert Appraiser for the Korea Copyright Commission.

Mr. Kim is widely recognized for his exceptional ability to elucidate complex technical issues for judges and investigative authorities. Leveraging his extensive experience in advising on and litigating disputes across diverse industrial technology sectors, he frequently delivers lectures to corporations, universities, government agencies, industry associations, bar associations, and LAWnB. His presentations are consistently commended for rendering intricate topics accessible to non-specialists.

In 2009, Mr. Kim was distinguished as the leading intellectual property lawyer in “70 Leading Specialist Lawyers of Korea,” published by The Seoul Shinmun. He has been featured in numerous prominent media outlets, including Korea Economic Daily, Seoul Economic Daily, The Law Times, and Electronic Times. He was also recognized by Legal Times as the “Lawyer of the Year” in 2019 and has been named the “Intellectual Property Lawyer of the Year” for nine consecutive years since 2017.

In addition to his role with JIPYONG IP, Mr. Kim also serves as the head of the Jipyong Technology Center, established in 2025. Drawing upon decades of experience advising companies of varying sizes across multiple industries on technology-related legal matters and disputes, Mr. Kim is committed to delivering an elevated

standard of service in technology-related corporate management and dispute resolution.

Education

1993	Seoul National University, Graduate School of Engineering (M.S.)
1991	Seoul National University (B.S. in Mechanical Engineering)

Experience

2025-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2024-Present	Expert Appraiser (General Works), Korea Copyright Commission
2019-Present	Vice Chair, Intellectual Property Community, Seoul Bar Association
2018-Present	Member, Legal Support Group for Technology Protection of SMEs, Ministry of SMEs and Startups
2013-Present	Evaluation Committee Member, National IT Industry Promotion Agency (NIPA)
2023-2025	Member, Infringement Relief Support Team for Technology Protection for SMEs, Ministry of SMEs and Startups
2021-2022	Member, Content Business Advisory Group, Korea Creative Content Agency (KOCCA)
2019-2023	Legal Counsel, National Research Council of Science & Technology (NST) and its 25 Affiliated National Research Institutes
2018-2019	Improvement Committee Member, Seoul Central District Court, IP Litigation
2018	Completed the Korea Commercial Arbitration Board International Arbitration Expert Course
2017-2018	Integrity Ombudsman, Korea Internet & Security Agency
2016-2024	Expert Appraiser (Software), Korea Copyright Commission
2015-2023	Vice President, Korea Intellectual Property Lawyers' Association (KIPLA)
2013	Director, Korean Patent Attorney Association
2013	Member, Screening Committee for Key Telecommunications Service Providers, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
2013	Expert Member, The Federation of Korean Industries CFO's Law Academy
2012-2018	Mediator, E-Commerce Mediation Committee
2012	Examiner, Bar Exam
2011-2025	Partner, Kim, Choi & Lim
2010	Summer IELE course at U.C. Berkeley (Patent)
2008-2011	JIPYONG LLC
2007-2009	Adjunct Professor, Dankook University College of Law (Intellectual Property Rights)
2000-2008	Partner, Kim, Choi & Lim
2000	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea
1991-1993	Researcher, Institute of Advanced Machines and Design, Seoul National University

Notable Achievements

[Advisory for IT Companies (Internet, AI, Telecommunications, T-commerce, DBMS, Software, Game, and Entertainment)]

- Advised companies including: KT Hitel Co., Ltd., Korea Music Copyright Association, TOBESOFT Co., Ltd., PlusTech Co., Ltd., Altibase Corporation, Neowiz Games Co., Ltd., Wemade Entertainment Co., Ltd., Soribada Inc., Susan INT Co., Ltd., KT Alpha Co., Ltd., among others

[Advisory and Litigation With Respect to Patents and Manufacturing Technology Know-How]

- Advised Doosan Heavy Industries & Construction on its nuclear power business and the Korean Standard Nuclear Reactor on its development project
- Represented in litigation claiming patent infringement involving Japan's Konami Beatbox game
- Advised on royalty inspection of CDMA patent between Qualcomm and KTTech (formerly KTFT)
- Advised on patent cross-licensing between LG Philips LCD Co., Ltd. and a Japanese company
- Advised on a patent licensing agreement between Renault Samsung Motors and Kinugawa Co., Ltd.
- Represented iRevo Co., Ltd. in a lawsuit claiming patent infringement related to home network system
- Advised KCC on a silicon development agreement with a domestic engineer
- Advised Doosan D&D on semiconductor equipment patent and technology licensing agreements
- Advised KT Hitel on UCloud patent infringement
- Represented KT Hitel in a lawsuit claiming patent infringement related to the secondary search keyword advertising
- Represented in litigation claiming patent infringement related to securities trading mobile applications
- Represented in litigation claiming patent infringement related to barcode readers
- Performed litigation claiming diaper flap patent infringement between Yuhan-Kimberly and LG Household & Health Care
- Represented in a lawsuit claiming patent infringement related to AfreecaTV's virtual gift service
- Represented Roborobo in litigation concerning robot patents
- Represented in litigation concerning patents related to semiconductor cleaning equipment
- Represented in litigation concerning the patent for the method and apparatus for controlling multiple internet accesses
- Represented KTH in litigation related to the patent for large-volume email transmission
- Represented Kumho Petrochemical Co., Ltd. in litigation concerning a dispute over restrictions on the disposal of patent rights
- Represented the Seoul Regional Tax Office in a tax litigation related to haptic patent rights
- Represented in litigation related to the patent for an escalator reverse-running prevention device
- Represented in a lawsuit claiming infringement of a patent relating to coating material manufacturing methods
- Represented in a lawsuit claiming infringement of a patent related to antibacterial agent manufacturing methods for gypsum boards
- Represented in litigation concerning a patent dispute on regenerated leather seat manufacturing methods
- Represented KB Asset Management in litigation concerning a business method patent dispute over fund investment techniques
- Represented in litigation concerning a business method patent dispute related to screen golf

[Advisory and Litigation With Respect to Trade Secret and Non-Competition]

- Represented in a criminal case concerning trade secret infringement related to NCSoft's Lineage M
- Represented in trade secret litigation concerning technologies related to silver nanowires
- Represented in a lawsuit claiming trade secret infringement regarding built-in mobile phone microphones
- Represented Samsung Electronics in litigation arising from the job transition of a mobile phone development executive
- Represented in a lawsuit related to a trade secret dispute concerning silicon manufacturing methods
- Represented in litigation over a trade secret dispute arising from the transfer of mobile phone software developers
- Represented in litigation related to a trade secret dispute concerning mathematics education programs
- Represented in litigation related to a trade secret dispute involving secure credit card payment solutions
- Represented in litigation related to a trade secret dispute concerning sprinkler manufacturing technology
- Represented in a lawsuit related to a trade secret dispute over anti-corrosion agents for POSCO steel pipe transportation
- Represented in lawsuits related to trade secret and non-compete disputes involving employees transferring from a mobile phone manufacturer
- Represented in litigation concerning an employment dispute between Daelim Industrial and Samsung C&T regarding overseas plant construction personnel transfers
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute about management information of a building materials distribution company
- Represented in a lawsuit related to a trade secret dispute arising from an employee transfer at a food manufacturing company
- Represented in a lawsuit claiming trade secret misappropriation related to hydrogen energy technology
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute involving semiconductor manufacturing program engineers' transfers
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute related to the transfer of software engineers at a semiconductor manufacturing company
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute involving overseas plant construction technology
- Represented in lawsuits claiming trade secret misappropriation related to secondary battery BMS technology
- Represented in a criminal lawsuit claiming trade secret misappropriation related to display case manufacturing technology for the Yongsan National Museum
- Represented in lawsuits related to a trade secret dispute concerning model train manufacturing methods for export to the United States
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute related to MEMC solar cell technology
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute involving water filtration equipment filter technology
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute over management information related to Amorepacific's door-to-door sales business
- Represented in litigation related to a trade secret dispute against an employee involved in the overseas leakage of Hyundai Motor Company's vehicle design technology
- Represented Taekwang Industrial in litigation related to a trade secret dispute concerning the design technology of polymerization equipment for spandex manufacturing
- Represented in litigation concerning non-compete and trade secret disputes involving industrial gas manufacturing plants

- Represented in litigation concerning infringement of spinal implant manufacturing technology
- Represented in litigation concerning a dispute over trade secrets involving escalator reverse-running prevention device manufacturing
- Represented in a lawsuit claiming misappropriation of trade secrets related to skin invasive device manufacturing
- Represented in litigation concerning a non-compete violation and trade secret misappropriation involving cement manufacturing technology
- Represented in a lawsuit related to a trade secret dispute concerning steel wire rod manufacturing methods
- Represented in a lawsuit concerning a trade secret dispute related to nonwoven fabric manufacturing methods
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute involving paper manufacturing technology
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute related to manufacturing methods for architectural paint
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute involving mixing equipment design technology for secondary battery manufacturing
- Represented in litigation concerning a trade secret dispute related to DBMS design technology
- Represented in litigation related to non-compete and trade secret disputes concerning server hosting technology

[Advisory and Litigation With Respect to Software]

- Represented Sun Microsystems on a software licensing agreement
- Represented KTH on a FIFA Online game license agreement with Japan's SEGA Corporation
- Represented KTH in litigation concerning a dispute with an online game developer
- Advised on an ERP solution implementation agreement for OB Beer
- Represented in litigation concerning a dispute over defects in an ERP solution (Morning Information)
- Represented the Jungbu Regional Tax Office in litigation concerning the inclusion of game development expenses as depreciation costs
- Represented in arbitration and litigation concerning an infringement dispute related to smart city solution construction
- Represented in litigation concerning a dispute over copyright and trade secret misappropriation involving accounting software
- Represented in a dispute over copyright infringement related to the T-Chart program

[Advisory and Litigation With Respect to Technology and Product Defects]

- Represented Yeongheung Thermal Power Plant in litigation concerning corrosion issues in its flue gas desulfurization facilities
- Represented in litigation concerning a dispute over a fire incident involving acrylic manufacturing equipment
- Represented an insurer in a lawsuit seeking indemnity for defects in golf carts that caused a golf course fire accident
- Represented Heungkuk Fire & Marine Insurance in a lawsuit seeking indemnity for electrical equipment defects that caused a fire at its Ilsan office building
- Represented in a lawsuit seeking indemnity concerning defects in power generation equipment involved in the Mungyeong ESS fire accident in North Gyeongsang Province
- Represented an insurer in a lawsuit seeking insurance payments for defects in piping and ball joints at a

combined heat and power plant

- Represented in litigation concerning a dispute over defects in solar power facilities related to a building fire accident

[Litigation Concerning Employee Invention Disputes]

- Represented a semiconductor manufacturer in a lawsuit seeking employee invention compensation related to patents on NAND flash manufacturing methods
- Represented Samsung Electronics in litigation concerning a dispute over employee invention related to mobile phone folder technology
- Represented in litigation concerning a dispute over employee invention related to petrochemical manufacturing methods

[Advisory and Litigation on Trademarks and Unfair Competition]

- Represented Dong-A Pharmaceutical in a dispute with Samsung Pharmaceutical over trademark infringement and unfair competition
- Represented Grand Prix Co., Ltd. of Japan in a dispute concerning trademark rights for golf products
- Represented LG Household & Health Care in a dispute with AmorePacific over the “Weve” trademark
- Represented Dong-A TV in a dispute with Dong-A Ilbo concerning trademark infringement
- Represented in a dispute over trademark infringement involving “Meatbox”
- Represented Starbucks in a dispute over trademarks and unfair competition related to “Doubleshot” products
- Represented in a dispute over trademark infringement and unfair competition involving “Oxyclean”
- Represented OB Beer in a dispute concerning trademark infringement of the “CASS” mark
- Represented a U.S. trademark owner in a dispute over the domain name “DOVE.co.kr”
- Represented Jong le Nara in a trademark dispute
- Represented E-Land in a dispute with New Balance over trademark infringement
- Represented E-Land in a dispute concerning its anchor-shaped trademark
- Represented in a dispute over trademark infringement involving “Sockstop”
- Represented in a dispute over trademark infringement and unfair competition related to the Oracle mark

[Advisory and Litigation on Design Rights and Utility Model Rights]

- Represented IRevo in a dispute over a utility model related to door lock systems
- Represented LH Corporation in a dispute over design rights related to road facilities in Dongtan New Town
- Represented in litigation in a dispute over infringement of utility model rights related to injection vial containers
- Represented in a dispute over utility model rights between Rapigen and SD Biosensor concerning COVID-19 vaccine kit containers
- Represented in litigation in a dispute over design right infringement related to quail egg containers
- Represented in litigation in a dispute over a utility model related to hair pack products
- Represented in litigation in a dispute over design rights related to yogurt manufacturing machines
- Represented in litigation in a dispute over design rights and unfair competition involving gas detectors

[Advisory and Litigation on Copyright]

- Represented in a lawsuit for infringement of copyrights of artworks from Liechtenstein
- Represented KT Hitel in a lawsuit for infringement of copyrights of webhard

- Represented the Bank of Korea in litigation concerning copyright infringement of currency design
- Represented Songpa District Office in a lawsuit for infringement of copyrights of the Jamsil Five-way Intersection memorial monument
- Represented in a lawsuit for infringement of copyrights related to images on Parang.com
- Represented the Korea Music Copyright Association in a lawsuit claiming performance royalties for sales albums
- Represented in a lawsuit for infringement of neighboring copyrights of Kim Bum-soo's album

Honors and Recognitions

2017-2025	Leading Lawyer in Intellectual Property Practice, Legal Times
2018	Lawyer of the Year in IP Practice, Legal Times
2013	Featured as a Leading Lawyer in Intellectual Property, Specialist Lawyer Column, Seoul Economic Daily
2010	Profiled in the "Notable Legal Professionals" column, Financial News
2009	Profiled as an Intellectual Property specialist attorney, The Law Journal
2009	Honored as one of the Top 70 Specialist Lawyers in Korea in Intellectual Property, Seoul Shinmun
2008	Profiled in the "LawnBiz" column, Korea Economic Daily

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2019	Protection Measures for Computer Programs Based on the Patent Act and the Unfair Competition Prevention Act (2018 Judicial Training Advanced Course Research Papers, Judicial Research and Training Institute)
2014	Components of Applications and Publications Violating Advance Succession Agreements on Employees' Inventions and Breach of Trust (The Lawyer)
2012	Abuse of Rights Complaints Due to Invalidation of Trademark in a Trademark Infringement Suit (Study on Judicial Precedent 26(2), Seoul Bar Association)
2011	Criteria for Distinguishing Range of Similarity of Figurative Marks and Design Use (Study on Judicial Precedent 25(2), Seoul Bar Association)
2010	A Study on the Requirements for Business Method Patent (Study on Judicial Precedent 24(2), Seoul Bar Association)
2008	A study on an assessment of reasonable remuneration from an employer when it takes assignment of rights of employees' in-service inventions (Study on Judicial Precedent 22(2), Seoul Bar Association)
2007	Protection of Confidential and Personal Information Pursuant to the Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection, etc. (Study on Judicial Precedent 22(1), Seoul Bar Association)
2006	Appeal to Compulsory Administrative Proceeding under UDRP (The Lawyer)
2005	Deciding When a Well-Knownness is Endowed and Granting of Prior User Rights in Good Will, Under Article 2-1 Ga Mok of Unfair Competition Prevention Act (Study on Judicial Precedent 22(1), Seoul Bar Association)

2004	Basis for Issuing the Right to Claim Job Change Prohibition for Trade Secret Protection, Case study (Study on Judicial Precedent 18(1), Seoul Bar Association
2004	The Protection of Product Type under the Law on Unfair Competition and Trade Secret Protection Act (February Edition for Patent, Korea Invention Promotion Association
1999	Research on Patent System from an Economic Perspective (Judicial Research and Training Institute)
1993	An Investigation on Precision Milling Using Ceramic Tools (Thesis for Master's Degree at Seoul National University)

News & Activities

[Lectures and Presentations]

2013-Present	Lecturer, "Trademarks and Unfair Competition," Patent Training Institute of Seoul Bar Association
2018	Invited Lecturer, "Patent Strategies for Pharmaceutical Companies," Korean Pharmaceutical Association
2018	Invited Speaker, "Protection of Computer Programs under Patent Law and the Unfair Competition Prevention Act," 2018 Judicial Training Program
2017	Invited Lecturer, "Protection of Trade Secrets During Corporate M&A," Defense Technology Protection Expert Course hosted by Defense Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA) / Korea Defense Industry Association (KDIA)
2016-2019	Lecturer, "Trademarks and Unfair Competition," Intellectual Property Training Institute of Korean Bar Association
2016	Lecturer, "Intellectual Property Rights Practical Course" in the Korea Invention Promotion Association's educational program for Law Schools
2016	Invited Lecturer, "Protection of Trade Secrets and Industrial Technology," Commercial Affairs Division, Ministry of Justice
2016	Invited Speaker, "Strategic Response Measures Related to Acquisition and Merger of Companies Possessing National Core Technologies by Foreign Competitors," Advanced Technology Protection Seminar Hosted by the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea
2015	Lecturer, "Overview of Intellectual Property Rights and Patent Disputes," Mechanical Engineering Innovation and Startup Course, Seoul National University
2015	Lecturer, "Intellectual Property Rights and License Protection Strategies," Intellectual Property Education Course, LawnB
2014	Lecturer, "Patent Infringement Litigation," Bar Exam Passers Training Course, Korean Bar Association
2014	Keynote Speaker, Founding General Assembly of Korea T-Commerce Association
2014	Lecturer, "Patent Infringement Litigation Procedures and Offensive/Defensive Strategies," CIPO IP Dispute Response Business Expert Training Course, Seoul National University
2013-2017	Lecturer, "Intellectual Property Management and Licensing," Compliance Support Officer Training Course, Seoul Bar Association
2013	Lecturer, "Fair Trade Law," CEO Legal Lecture, LawnB

2013	Lecturer, "Corporate Trade Secret Protection Strategies and Dispute Cases," CIPO (Chief Intellectual Property Officer) Academy, Seoul National University
2013	Lecturer, "Introduction to Patent Litigation Practice," New Lawyers Training Course, Seoul Bar Association
2012	Invited Lecturer, "Introduction to Laws Related to Industrial Security," Korea Industrial Technology Protection Association, Ministry of Knowledge
2010-2025	Lecturer, "Trademarks and Patents," Corporate Legal Practice Qualification Course, LawnB
2010	Lecturer, "Theory and Cases of Patent Disputes," Corporate Practice Education Course, LawnB
2010	Lecturer, "Practical Aspects of Employee Invention and Trade Secret Disputes," Lawyer Education Course, Seoul Bar Association
2010	IP Session Speaker, "How to Effectively Protect Your Intellectual Property Rights in Korea," IBA Tokyo Conference
2010	Lecturer, "Patent Dispute Practice," Lawyer Training Course, Seoul Bar Association
2009	Lecturer, "Cases of Online Personal Information Disputes," Cyber Communication Society Lecture, Korea Information Security Agency
2009	Lecturer, "Employee Invention and Trade Secrets," Corporate Practice Education Course, LawnB
2008-2012	Lecturer, "Copyright and Personal Information," Corporate Practice Education Course, LawnB
2008-2012	Lecturer, "Copyright and Personal Information Dispute Cases," Lawyer Training Course, Seoul Bar Association
2008	Invited Lecturer, "Intellectual Property Law," Practical Training Course, Korea Game Industry Agency

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2000	Korea (Certified Patent Attorney)
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Languages

Korean / English