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Of Counsel Yoomi Kim is an expert in regulation and administration in the bio and healthcare sector with over 18 years of service at the Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS), where she oversaw safety policies for pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and food.

After being appointed as the first lawyer to be specially recruited by the MFDS, she held key roles in major fields, including regulatory legal affairs, pharmaceuticals, medical devices, biopharmaceuticals, and food, and later served as the Director General for Planning and Coordination and as the Deputy Minister.

During her tenure, she promoted key policies and regulatory innovations, such as advancing the review system for pharmaceuticals and medical devices, global regulatory harmonization, responding to trade issues concerning imported foods, establishing an AI-based automated review system, and introducing tailored regulations for the digital healthcare and advanced bio sectors. She has also strengthened strategic cooperation with foreign regulatory agencies such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and Japan's Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA). Furthermore, her public policy experience across the National Assembly, the Office of the President, and the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) has given her broad and in-depth insight into policy development and implementation.

After retiring as the Deputy Minister of the MFDS in December 2024, she served as an adjunct professor at the College of Pharmacy at Seoul National University and the Department of Medical Device Industry at Dongguk University, while also acting as an advisory committee member for the Korea Regulatory Science Center. In December 2025, she joined Jipyong LLC as Of Counsel and has been providing comprehensive advice across the

bio and healthcare sector, including market entry strategies, domestic and international regulatory risk management, and dispute resolution, from an integrated perspective connecting administration, legislation, and global regulatory cooperation.

Education

2022	Completed the 1st Food Tech Chief X Officer (FTCXO) Program, Seoul National University
2011	Completed the 22nd Advanced Program, Graduate School of Public Health, Yonsei University
2010	Completed the 8th Advanced Management Program in Healthcare, Seoul National University Hospital
1994	Seoul National University, Graduate School (M.A. in Political Science)
1989	Seoul National University (B.A. in Political Science)

Experience

2025-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2025-Present	Adjunct Professor, Department of Medical Device Industry, Dongguk University
2025-Present	Visiting Professor (Pharmaceutical Policy), College of Pharmacy, Seoul National University
2023-2024	Deputy Minister, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
2020-2023	Acting Director General of the Medical Device Safety Bureau; Director General of the Imported Food Safety Bureau; and Director General for Planning and Coordination, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
2017-2020	Director of the Pharmaceutical Management Division; and Director of the Medical Device Policy Division, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
2015-2017	Administrator, Office of the Senior Secretary to the President for Employment and Welfare, Office of the President
2013-2015	Secondment Training at WHO WPRO
2009-2013	Director of the Biopharmaceuticals Policy Division; Head of the Central Investigation Unit for Hazardous Offenders; and Director for Regulatory Reform and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
2006-2009	Administrative Officer of the Administrative Legal Affairs Team, Ministry of Food and Drug Safety
2003	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea
1997-1999	Secretary to the Honorable Kim Hong-shin, National Assembly

Honors and Recognitions

2021	Honored with Presidential commendation (for contributions to regulatory innovation)
2015	Honored with Presidential commendation (for contributions to supporting trade/foreign-invested companies)

Speaking Engagements and Publications

1994 A Study on the Decision-Making Process of Women's Policy - Focusing on the Revision of the Family Law, Master's Thesis of Seoul National University, Graduate School

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2006 Korea

Languages

Korean / English