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Mr. Sung Taek Lim is one of the founding members of Jipyong and currently heads the firm's Litigation Practice Group. He specializes in construction, real estate and private equity funds. He is renowned for his innovative problem solving skills and diverse legal experience. Mr. Lim has won several landmark intellectual property cases including the "Korea First Card" dispute between Kookmin Bank and Korea First Bank.

Mr. Lim is one of the nation's leading practitioners on North Korea matters. He serves on the Legal Advisory Council for the Gaesong Industrial Complex and the Conflict Management Deliberation Committee under the Ministry of Unification. He is a member of the Korean Bar Association's Unification Research Committee and a member of Korea Logistics Forum's North Korea Policy Forum.

Mr. Lim also serves on several other advisory boards including the Statutory Interpretation Deliberation Committee under the Ministry of Government Legislation, the Policy Committee under the Ministry of Justice, the Sanction Penalty Review Committee under the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy, and the Review Committee for the Regulation of Land Use under the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport.

Mr. Lim is a current Director of Duroo, a pro bono organization sponsored by JIPYONG. Mr. Lim is well known for providing legal services and advocating for the disabled and his extensive contribution to pro bono work has been recognized year after year by various state agencies and civic groups including the Minister of Health and Welfare in 2012, the Head of National Court Administration in 2016 and the Seoul Bar Association in 2018.

Mr. Lim has an LL.M from Myongji University and a LL.B from Seoul National University.

Education

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| 2006-2007 | Visiting Scholar, University of California Los Angeles |
| 1989 | Seoul National University (LL.B.) |

Experience

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| 2000-Present | JIPYONG LLC |
| 2024-Present | Director, Korea Association of Fundraising Professionals |
| 2024-Present | Member, Administrative Appeals Commission, National Assembly |
| 2024-Present | Member, Trade Policy Advisory Committee, MOTIE |
| 2023-Present | Auditor, ROOT IMPACT |
| 2023-Present | Advisor, ESG Committee, The Export-Import Bank of Korea |
| 2023-Present | Chairman of the board, Duroo |
| 2022-Present | Member, Integrity and Ethical Management Policy Advisory Group, Anti-corruption & Civil Rights Commission |
| 2022-Present | Member, Committee for Unification Legislative System, Ministry of Unification |
| 2022-Present | Commissioner, Policy Advisory Committee, National Human Rights Commission |
| 2022-Present | Chairperson, Special Committee on ESG, Korean Bar Association |
| 2018-Present | Auditor, Center for Social Value Enhancement Studies |
| 2017-Present | Chairman, Association for Research on Individuals with Disabilities Act |
| 2015-Present | Auditor, Korea Post Foundation |
| 2015-Present | Auditor, Korea Construction Law Society |
| 2015-Present | Director, Nanum International |
| 2014-Present | Affiliated Professor, Law School of Yonsei University |
| 2019-2024 | Managing Partner, JIPYONG LLC |
| 2019-2022 | Director, Korea Energy Foundation |
| 2019-2020 | Member, Subcommittee on Judicial Policy, Judicial Administration Advisory Council |
| 2018-2021 | Member (Non-standing), National Human Rights Commission of Korea |
| 2018-2020 | Member, the Statutory Interpretation Deliberation Committee under the Ministry of Government Legislation |
| 2018-2020 | Member, Lottery Commission |
| 2017-2023 | Director, ROOT IMPACT |
| 2017-2019 | Member, Civil Judiciary Committee of Seoul High Court |
| 2017-2018 | Member, Policy Committee under the Ministry of Justice |
| 2016-2018 | Member, Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Innovation Committee of the Ministry of Unification |
| 2014-2022 | Director, Duroo |
| 2014-2018 | Member, Sanction Penalty Review Committee under the Ministry of Trade, Industry & Energy |
| 2012-2013 | Member, The First Trial Improvement Committee of Seoul Central District Court |

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| 2012-2013 | Member, SBS Tele-viewers Committee |
| 2011-2019 | Member, Special Committee for Research of South-North Korean Laws of the Ministry of Justice |
| 2005-2006 | Auditor, Yun Isang Peace Foundation |
| 2002 | Committee Member, KOBACO |
| 1999-2003 | Director, Association of Korean Civil Judgment Enforcement Law |
| 1999 | Assistant Prosecutor, Independent Special Prosecutor |
| 1998-2000 | Associate, Shin & Kim |
| 1998 | Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea |

Honors and Recognitions



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| 2018-2025 | Expertise Based Abroad in South Korea, General Business Law - North Korea, Chambers Asia-Pacific |
| 2020 | Probono (Litigation) Award at the Second Korea Legal Awards |
| 2017, 2019 | Leading Lawyer in Real Estate Practice, Legal Times |
| 2018 | Korea's Top 100 Lawyers, Asia Business Law Journal |
| 2018 | Pro Bono Award, Seoul Bar Association |
| 2016 | Received a commendation from the Head of National Court Administration |
| 2012 | Received a commendation by the Minister of Health and Welfare |

Speaking Engagements and Publications

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| 2024 | Lexology Panoramic: ESG and Impact Investing 2025 - Korea Chapter, Law Business Research |
| 2020 | Legal Challenges In Resuming Kaesung Industrial Complex, North Korean Law Studies, Issue 24, Unification and North Korean Law Studies |
| 2019 | Project Finance 2019 - North Korea Chapter (Chambers & Partners) |
| 2018 | 'A global partner in the making?', IFLR South Korea Special Focus North Korea (International Finance Law Review) |
| 2018 | Legislation and Institutional Task according to the Panmunjom Declaration , North Korean Law Studies, Issue 20, Unification and North Korean Law Studies |
| 2016 | Analysis of North Korean National Land Legislation and Direction for Integration of South-North Korean National Land Legislation, Unification and Law, No. 27, Ministry of Justice |
| 2016 | Real Estate Development Law (Co-author), Parkyoungsa |
| 2014 | Human Rights of the Disabled and Advocacy System, Daegu Rehabilitation Research Vol. 36 (Daegu Society for Rehabilitation of the Disabled) |

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| 2013 | Current Status of Inter-Korean Agreements on Special Economic Zones in North Korea and Related Tasks, Unification and Law, Vol. 16 (Ministry of Justice) |
| 2013 | Plan for Modification of Legislation for Humanitarian Aid to North Korea (Co-author), Constitution and Unification Law, No. 3, Center for Constitution & Unification Law of Seoul National University |
| 2012 | Human Rights Violations at the Welfare Facilities for the Disabled - Current Status and Countermeasure, JUSTICE Vol. 128 (Korean Legal Center) |
| 2011 | Review on Administrative Relief Procedure (Appeal/Petition) of North Korea, North Korean Law Research Vol. 13 (North Korean Law Research Society) |
| 2011 | Judicial System for Dispute Resolution in Gaeseong Industrial District, Unification and Law, Vol. 6 (Ministry of Justice) |
| 2010 | Human Rights Litigation for Public Interest in Korea (Co-author) (Kyungin Publisher) |
| 2005 | Growth Measures for Legal/Institutional Infrastructure for the North-South Unification (Co-author) Cooperative Research Business (Unification Research Institute) |
| 1998 | Practice of Criminal Law through Case Law (Co-author) (Pakyungsa) |

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

1998 Korea

Languages

Korean / English / Japanese