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Mr. Sang Ok PARK served as a prosecutor, senior prosecutor, director general, and chief prosecutor at various levels of the Korean Public Prosecution Service from 1984 to 2009, where he practiced law enforcement in various fields, including prosecution, planning and administration, special investigations, criminal intelligence, and foreign criminal affairs. After his retirement, he worked in private practice for four years, where he also gained experience representing clients in legal disputes.

He also served as the President of the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice, the only national think-tank in the field of criminal policy, for one year where he focused his efforts and capabilities on research and development of policies to combat corruption and build a safe society, including organizing anti-corruption forums.

In 2015, he was appointed as a Justice to the Supreme Court, and during his tenure of six years until his retirement in 2021, he presided important cases, including the *en banc* case that raised the working age of manual workers from 60 to 65, and the *en banc* Decision that changed the previous Supreme Court ruling that embezzlement is established when a trustee in a 2-party trust disposes of trust real estate without consent. He also served as the chairman of the Criminal Practice Research Society in the Supreme Court and published a commentary on the general provisions on Criminal Act as the editor-in-chief.

After retiring from the Supreme Court, he was invited by the U.S. Institute of Peace, an affiliated organization of the U.S. Congress, to conduct research and co-author an article on Korea-Japan relations as a visiting scholar, and was appointed as a chair professor at the Korea Institute of Justice, where he lectures on criminal trial.

Since September 2024, he has been working with Jipyong as a Of Counsel.

Education

1989 George Washington University Law School (M.C.L.)
1979 Seoul National University (LL.B.)

Experience

2024-Present JIPYONG LLC
2024-2026 Chair-Professor, Korea Institute of Justice
2021 Visiting Scholar, United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
2015-2021 Justice, The Supreme Court of Korea
2014-2015 President, Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice
2012-2014 Member of the Private School Dispute Resolution Committee
2011-2013 Attorney, Do Yeon Law Firm
2011-2013 Member, the Statutory Interpretation Deliberation Committee under the Ministry of Government Legislation
2010-2011 Attorney, Sanho Law Firm
2009-2010 Attorney, HWP LAW
2008-2009 Chief Prosecutor, Seoul Northern District Prosecutors' Office
2007-2008 Chief Prosecutor, Seoul Uijeongbu District Prosecutors' Office
2006-2007 Vice President, Judicial Research and Training Institute
2005-2006 Chief Prosecutor of Criminal Trial and Civil Litigation Department, Supreme Prosecutors' Office
2004-2005 Chief Prosecutor, Goyang Branch, Seoul Uijeongbu District Prosecutors' Office
2003-2004 Prosecutor, Seoul High Prosecutors' Office
2002-2003 Prosecutor, Daejeon High Prosecutors' Office
2002-2003 Director General, Office for Organizing International Anti-Corruption Conferences, Ministry of Justice
2001-2002 Prosecutor, Seoul High Prosecutors' Office
2000-2001 Chief Prosecutor, Hongseong Branch, Daejeon District Prosecutors' Office
1999-2000 Director General, Foreign Criminal Affairs Department, Seoul District Prosecutors' Office
1997-1999 Professor, Judicial Research and Training Institute
1996-1997 Director, Criminal Information Management Department, Central Investigation Division, Supreme Prosecutor's Office
1995-1996 Director General, Special Division, Incheon District Prosecutors' Office
1993-1995 Research Prosecutor, Prosecution Policy Planning Office, Supreme Prosecutors' Office
1993 Chief Prosecutor, Sokcho Branch, Chuncheon District Prosecutors' Office
1991-1993 Prosecutor (Senior Public Prosecutor), Busan District Prosecutors' Office
1988-1991 Prosecutor, Eastern District Office, Seoul District Prosecutors' Office
1987-1988 Prosecutor, Yeosu District Office, Suwon District Prosecutors' Office
1984-1987 Prosecutor, Seoul District Prosecutors' Office
1981-1984 Judge Advocate, the Republic of Korea Army

1981 Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Honors and Recognitions

2022 Received a Blue Stripes Order of Service Merit
2003 Received a Red Stripes Order of Service Merit
1989 Honored with commendation from the Public Prosecutor General (Prosecutor Duties)

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2025 Administrative Interpretation of Major Labor Cases (Co-Author), JoongAng Economy
1998 American Criminal Law
1996 Rescission and Non-Existence of Stockholder Resolutions
1993 A Study on Some Problems in the Investigation of Customs Offenses
1991 A Study on the Concept of Organized Crime and the Theory for Its Effective Investigation

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

1981 Korea

Languages

Korean / English