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Mr. Sung Soo Kim is a partner in Jipyong's the Labor & Employment Group and mainly advises and represents clients in labor and medical litigations.

As an alumnus of the College of Medicine at Seoul National University, Mr. Kim is one of the very few attorneys in South Korea having a license to practice medicine. Based on his excellent understanding of both the legal and medical practices, Mr. Kim successfully represented clients in medical litigations in a variety of areas including internal medicine, surgery, obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics, emergency medical service, and anesthesiology. One of Mr. Kim's pinnacle achievements is the first-ever Supreme Court ruling on the types of 'information that must be exchanged between hospitals when transferring emergency patients.'

Mr. Kim also acts as a legal advisor to top-tier Korean university medical centers and is an active lecturer and writer of medical law. Mr. Kim served as the president of the Korean Health Lawyer Association (KoHLA), the only association in Korea composed of lawyers specialized in health law.

Mr. Kim also has expertise in the areas of labor law and is a certified public labor consultant. Mr. Kim was able to win a Supreme Court case which ruled that 'it is an unfair dismissal if the female employee of an in-company married couple is dismissed first when the company is going through a staff reduction', and another Supreme Court case ruling that 'the disciplinary discharge of a manager who sexually harassed his female subordinate is fair'.

Based on such a unique background, qualifications and experiences, Mr. Kim represents clients in civil/criminal cases involving employment and labor unions, industrial accidents and overwork-caused deaths and the

administrative relief procedures through the National Labor Relations Commission, as well as providing legal advice on HR and labor related issues.

Mr. Kim was a non-standing member of the advisory committee of the Korea Medical Dispute Mediation and Arbitration Agency. He also served as a legal advisor to the Ministry of Employment and Labor and the Seoul Metropolitan Government. Currently, he actively engages in various pro bono activities including deliberation of health/medical policies for the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and deliberation of subsidies for the Seoul Metropolitan Government.

Mr. Kim is a member of the Korean Bar. Mr. Kim has a LL.M from Case Western Reserve University School of Law, a LL.B (summa cum laude) from Korea National Open University and a B.Sc in Medicine from Seoul National University.

Education

2007	Case Western Reserve University (LL.M.)
2000	Seoul National University (M.D.)
1996	Korean National Open University (LL.B., <i>summa cum laude</i>)

Experience

2000-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2026-Present	Member, Internal Regulations Review Committee, National Credit Union Federation of Korea
2024-Present	Legal Advisor, Asan Medical Center
2021-Present	Vice Chair, Korean Association on Smoking or Health
2019-Present	Member, Anti-Smoking Policy Expert Committee under the Ministry of Health and Welfare
2018-Present	Member, Council for Improvement of Drinking Encouraging Environment, the Ministry of Health & Welfare
2017-Present	Member, Seoul Metropolitan City Regional Subsidies Deliberative Committee
2013-Present	Member, Advising Committee to National Health Insurance Service
2013-Present	Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
2019-2025	Director, Korea Health Welfare Social Cooperative Federation
2019-2021	Patient Right Ombudsman, City of Seoul
2017-2020	Legal advisor, Korea Medical Tourism Association
2016-2018	Member, the Working-Level Committee for Examination of Candidates for Mine Victim and Their Family
2015-2019	Member, Cigarette Box Warning Image Committee of the Ministry of Health and Welfare
2013-2015	Member, Investment Council of the Korea Drug Development Fund
2012-2021	Non-standing appraiser, Korea Medical Dispute Mediation and Arbitration Agency
2012-2016	President, Korean Health Lawyers Association

2009-2021	Director, Korean Association on Smoking or Health
2009-2017	Legal Advisor, Ministry of Employment and Labor
2009-2016	Legal Advisor, Seoul Metropolitan City
2006	Member, Military Medical Service Development Promotion Committee, Ministry of National Defense
2005-2006	Expert Advisor, Public Prosecutor-Police Investigation at National Human Rights Commission
2000	Medical Doctor (MD)
1998	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea
1991	Certified Public Labor Attorney (CPLA)

Honors and Recognitions

2017, 2021-2025	Leading Lawyer in Labor & Employment Practice, Legal Times
2013	Received a commendation by the Head of National Court Administration
2013	Received an award for making contributions to medical community and research of digital litigation system from the Chairman of Seoul Bar Association
2012	Received an award for contribution to anti-smoking campaign from the Minister of Health and Welfare

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2021-2025	Administrative Interpretation of Major Labor Cases (Co-Author), JoongAng Economy
2020	Commentary on the Medical Law (Co-author), Pakyoungsa
2020	Onju "Occupational Safety and Health Act" (Co-author), LAWnB
2020	Major Labor Cases and Decisions & Labor Columns (Co-Author), JIPYONG LLC
2018. 7.	Status of and Tasks for Legal Regulation of Smoking Age, Anti-smoking Newsletter, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education
2018	War to Change the World – Understanding the Anti-smoking Movement and Tobacco Regulation Policies (co-author), Memento
2016. 7.	Whether Prohibition on Establishment and Operation of Plural Medical Institutions is Unconstitutional or not, Journal of Hospital Management & Policy Research, Vol. 5, Issue 2, Korean Institute of Hospital Management
2015. 11.	Air Quality, Biomarker Levels, and Health Effects on Staff in Korean Restaurants and Pubs Before and After a Smoking Ban (Co-author), Nicotine & Tobacco Research Vol. 17 Issue 11, pp. 1337-1346
2015	Labor Laws of the Republic of Korea (Co-author) (Hollym)
2014	Role of Whistle Blowers and Public Institutions for National Health Promotion, Legislative Research, Autumn, Vol. 44 (Korea Legislation Research Institute)
2012. 3.	Meaning and Implication of the Constitutional Court's Decision on Illegality of Ultrasonography by a Doctor of Oriental Medicine, Quarterly Medical Policy Forum Vol. 10. No. 1. (Medical Policy Research Institute)

2011. 11. Limits in Sanctions against Employers who Illegally Received Insurance Benefits under the Employment Insurance Act, News Letter of JIPYONG
- 2009 Death with dignity, Asking for a Way of Life to Churches (written by Si-Young Moon, Sung-Soo KIM and others) (Book Korea)
2008. 2. Review of Precedent Cases of Compensation for Damages Caused by Marine Oil Spill: Focused on M.V. Erica (France) Case and M.V. Sea Prince Case, The 2nd Seminar for Rescuing Our Sea operated by Chungnam Development Institute
- 2002 Problems Facing Current AIDS Related Laws and Proposal for Improvement (Nanam Publishing Company)
2002. 1. Measures Against Malpractice, Newsletter for Korea's Association of Medical Practitioners on Family Medicine

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

- 2000 Medical Doctor (Korea)
- 1998 Korea
- 1991 Certified Public Labor Attorney (Korea)

Languages

Korean / English