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Mr. Donga Kim, a former chief judge at Seoul Southern District Court, joined Jipyong after 21 years of service at the courts. He served as a judge from 1998 until February 2019. He was admitted to the bar in 1995 and then served as a judge advocate officer at the Korean Air Force.

As a judicial researcher at the Supreme Court and a judge at Seoul High Court, Gwangju High Court and Seoul Central District Court, etc., Mr. Kim handled a wide range of criminal cases (including arrest warrants), civil cases and administrative cases.

At Seoul Central District Court, he handled white color crime cases, capital markets act violation cases, and medical institution cases as a criminal presiding judge in charge of economic and health cases. He also handled securities damage cases, insurance cases and auction collusion damage cases, etc. as a civil presiding judge in charge of corporate cases.

Since 2021, he has served as a non-executive member of the KFTC. He has handled various types of cases, including abuse of dominant position, mergers, unfair support, unfair concerted practices, and unfair trade practices.

With more than 20 years of rich and in-depth practical experience, Mr. Kim is advising clients on criminal/corporate matters, capital markets act matters, and finances and insurance matters.

Education

2007

Visiting Scholar, University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley)

1993 Seoul National University (LL.B.)

Experience

2019-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2025-Present	Member, Petition Review Committee, Gyeonggi Housing & Urban Development Corporation
2025-Present	Legal Counsel, Gyeonggi Housing & Urban Development Corporation
2024-Present	Member, Information Disclosure Review Committee, Seoul Jongno Police Station
2024-Present	Legal Advisor, Eunpyeong-gu, Seoul
2020-Present	Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
2021-2024	Non-standing Commissioner, Korea Fair Trade Commission
2020-2022	Director, SH Human Rights Center, Seoul Housing & Communities Corp.
2019-2022	Member, Teachers' Authority Protection Committee, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education
2019-2021	Adjunct Professor, Seoul National University School of Law
2018-2019	Chief Judge, Seoul Southern District Court
2015-2018	Chief Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2012-2015	Professor, Judicial Research and Training Institute
2010-2012	Chief Judge, Daejeon District Court
2008-2010	Judicial Researcher, the Supreme Court
2007	Research Judge, Judicial Research and Training Institute
2006-2007	Judge, Seoul High Court
2005	Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2004	Judge, Gwangju High Court
2002	Chairperson, Jeollanam-do Hampyeong-gun Election Commission
2002-2004	Judge, Gwangju District Court, Mokpo Branch
2000-2002	Judge, Seoul District Court, Eastern Branch
1998-2000	Judge, Uijeongbu Branch Court under Seoul District Court
1995-1998	Judge Advocate Officer, Korean Air Force
1995	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Honors and Recognitions

2025	Order of Civil Merit – Dongbaek Medal (on the 24th fair trade day, in recognition of the contribution to fair trade)
2023-2026	Leading Lawyer in Dispute Resolution & Litigation Practice, Legal Times

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2024	Legal Practice of Management Rights (Co-author), Pakyoungsa
2023	Financial Consumer Protection Act Commentary (Co-author), Pakyoungsa

2021	Shareholder Activism and Stewardship Code (Co-author), Pakyoungsa
2009	Whether a member of the National Assembly under the nation-wide proportionate representation system may be a subject violator of the prohibited donations under the Public Official Election Act and the prisoner relation between the bribery related to nomination under the Public Official Election Act and other crimes, Supreme Court Case Commentaries, Court Library

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

1995 Korea

Languages

Korean / English