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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

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

Experience

2000-Present JIPYONG LLC
2026-Present Member, Policy Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Unification
2026-Present Outside Director, The Hankyoreh
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 Director, POSCO 1% Foundation
2023-Present Auditor, ROOT IMPACT
2023-Present Chairman of the board, Duroo
2022-Present Member, Committee for Unification Legislative System, Ministry of Unification
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
2023-2025 Advisor, ESG Committee, The Export-Import Bank of Korea
2022-2025 Member, Integrity and Ethical Management Policy Advisory Group, Anti-corruption & Civil Rights Commission
2022-2025 Commissioner, Policy Advisory Committee, National Human Rights Commission
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
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



2026	Leading Lawyer in Dispute Resolution & Litigation Practice, Legal Times
2026	The 14th Pro Bono Award by the Korean Bar Association
2025	Best Litigation Award at the Eighth Korea Legal Awards
2020	Probono (Litigation) Award at the Second Korea Legal Awards
2018-2026	Expertise Based Abroad in South Korea, General Business Law - North Korea, Chambers Asia-Pacific
2018-2025	Expertise based abroad in South Korea in General Business Law - North Korea, Chambers Global
2018-2025	Foreign Expert in Corporate/M&A, Chambers Global
2018-2019	Market-leading Lawyer in Banking and finance, Capital Markets, Construction & Real Estate, Corporate and M&A, Asialaw
2018	Korea's Top 100 Lawyers, Asia Business Law Journal
2018	Pro Bono Award, Seoul Bar Association
2017, 2019	Leading Lawyer in Real Estate Practice, Legal Times
2017	Leading Lawyer in Construction & Real Estate, Market-leading lawyer in Corporate and M&A, Asialaw
2016	Received a commendation from the Head of National Court Administration
2015-2016	Leading Lawyer in Dispute Resolution, Asialaw
2013	Leading Individual in General Business Law - North Korea, Chambers Asia-Pacific
2012	Received a commendation by the Minister of Health and Welfare

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2026	Country Comparative Guides 2026: South Korea – Environmental, Social and Governance, Legal
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2024	Lexology Panoramic: ESG and Impact Investing 2025 - Korea Chapter, Law Business Research
2023	Guide to Human Rights Management (co-author), The Korea Economic Daily
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)
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
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Languages

Korean / English / Japanese

