

Seongcheol PARK

Partner

TEL +82-2-6200-1777
FAX +82-2-6200-0811
E-MAIL scpark@jipyong.com

Mr. Seongcheol Park has successfully represented clients in numerous complicated litigation and arbitration cases. In particular, he specializes in constitution and human rights, administrative disputes as well as constitutional and administrative litigation involving various regulations, policies, and administrative actions.

Mr. Park has extensive experience in the field of construction and real estate industry, and has accumulated know-how in complex disputes involving urban planning and development and maintenance projects, PE projects, and private investment projects, where he understands the overall structure of the project and provides the best possible solution to the difficulties. He has a record of winning in many challenging and important cases involving universities and schools, educational administration, school corporate management and operation, and the status of the faculty and teachers. He has also been recognized for providing comprehensive and strategic solutions to disputes in the entertainment (film, drama, entertainment management), sports and media, broadcasting and telecommunications, and pharmaceutical and medical sectors.

Mr. Park has won highly contested and difficult cases in the areas of environment, labor, taxation, labor relations, privacy, financial regulation, R&D payments, and state and public contracts. He also has a strong track record of winning in constitutional appeals, administrative proceedings and administrative appeals involving government ministries, public corporations, and public institutions. He has won several constitutional court decisions that overturn existing laws and precedents, and several Supreme Court remand decisions in favor of clients.

With an interest in future industries, he has expanded his scope of practice to advise and litigate new industry regulations, and has been closely involved in corporate compliance and ethical management, ESG, public policy and legislative support, human rights violation and protection cases, internal investigations, and media and crisis response.

Mr. Park has proven his expertise by serving as counsel to various government ministries and public institutions and as a member of administrative committees. As a principal researcher, he is also actively involved in legislative services to establish national policies in the fields of education, inter-Korean relations, political diplomacy, and judicial administration.

Education

2015	Queen Mary, University of London (LL.M.)
2010	Seoul National University, Graduate School of Law (coursework completed)
2003	Seoul National University (B.A. in Geography)

Experience

2008-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2026-Present	Legal advisor, Seoul Metropolitan Government
2026-Present	Legal Advisor, Korea Transportation Safety Authority
2025-Present	Member, Customs Review Committee, Pyeongtaek Customs, Korea Customs Service
2025-Present	Legal Advisor, Seoul Energy Corporation
2024-Present	Legal Advisor, Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency
2024-Present	Legal Advisor, Public Procurement Service
2024-Present	Legal Advisor, Ministry of Education (2018-2022, 2024- Present)
2024-Present	Legal Advisor, Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment
2024-Present	Legal Counsel, Incheon Port Authority
2024-Present	Legal Advisor, Korea Elevator Safety Agency (KoELSA)
2023-Present	Legal Advisor, Korea Health Industry Development Institute
2023-Present	Legal Advisor, Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries
2023-Present	Legal Advisor, Korea Institute for Animal Products Quality Evaluation
2022-Present	Member, Faculty Disciplinary Committee, Sungkyunkwan University
2022-Present	Member of Chung-ang University Committee on Research Integrity
2021-Present	Legal Counsel, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
2021-Present	Legal Counsel, Korean Sport & Olympic Committee
2019-Present	Member, the Overseas Business Trip for Public Affairs Review Committee of the Ministry of Education
2016-Present	Commentator, Precedent Cases, the Law Times
2012-Present	Member, Constitution Study Group under the Constitutional Court of Korea
2009-Present	Member, Construction Law Society
2008-Present	Member, Administration Law Theory & Practice Society
2023-2025	Legal Advisor, Establishment Committee, Jeju Charter of Peace and Human Rights
2023-2025	Member, ESG Management Committee, Korea Advancing Schools Foundation
2023-2025	Legal Advisor, National Institute of Ecology
2023-2024	Member, Project Management Committee, National Research Foundation of Korea

2023-2024	Member, National Policy Committee, Korean Bar Associations
2023-2024	Legal Advisor, Korea Veterans Health Service
2022-2023	Member of Presidential Committee for Balanced National Development
2021-2024	Member, Committee for Deliberation on Restriction of Government Benefits for Universities
2021-2024	Legal Advisor, Ministry of Personnel Management
2020-2022	Legal Advisor & Audit Counsel, Korea Advancing Schools Foundation
2018-2024	Member, Administrative Trial Commission, Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education
2018-2023	Member, Meritorious Achievements Review Committee under the Ministry of Education
2018-2022	Legal Advisor, Ministry of Education
2018-2019	Member, the Special Committee for Legislative Evaluation under Korean Bar Association
2017	Advisor, Legal Subcommittee, Commission on Shin-Kori 5 and 6 Nuclear Reactors
2016	Expert member, Constitutional Amendment Task Force Team, Seoul Bar Association
2012-2014	State-appointed Attorney, Constitutional Court
2010-2014	Legal Advisor, National Human Rights Commission of Korea
2008	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Notable Achievements

[Constitution/Administration/Regulation]

- Represented the Korean Bar Association before the Constitutional Court and secured a ruling that the mandatory membership requirement in the Korea Patent Attorneys Association under the Patent Attorney Act was incompatible with the Constitution
- Won the lawsuit of unconstitutionality with regard to the addendum to the Court Organization Act representing the 42th session students of the Judicial Research and Training Institute
- Won the lawsuit of unconstitutionality with regard to Article 651 of the Civil Act regarding lease term, representing Sinchon Station Development Co., Ltd.
- Won the lawsuit of unconstitutionality with regard to the Enforcement Decree of the Inheritance Tax and Gift Tax Act that imposes gift tax on the exempted liabilities for a corporation which had a deficit
- Won the lawsuit of unconstitutionality with regard to Article 60 of the Public Official Election Act regarding prohibition on journalists' election campaign
- Represented Korea Institute of Curriculum and Evaluation and the Republic of Korea in state compensation cases regarding faulty questions in the national college entrance examination and won all by obtaining a remand after reversal/quashing from the Supreme Court

[Labor & Employment]

- Represented Company P, a foreign-invested company, in an unfair dismissal remedy case and prevailed in full
- Represented Company C in an action seeking confirmation of the invalidity of dismissal and prevailed in full
- Represented the Korean government in litigation concerning performance-based pay for educational officials and prevailed in full (Reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court)
- Advised Bank K on dismissal-related matters; advised Bank H on the review of its rules of employment
- Advised P, a research institute, on the calculation of researchers' wages and performance evaluations

- Represented Company A in multiple legal proceedings concerning severance pay and allowances
- Represented Company S in multiple legal proceedings concerning employee status, severance pay, and damages claims and resolved through settlement in each case
- Represented Company G in additional claims for severance pay and allowances
- Represented Company K in litigation seeking confirmation of employee status, and advised on related matters including corporate establishment and employment transition

[Education]

- Represented the Minister of Education in constitutional litigation cases concerning the provisions of the Act on the Establishment and Operation of Professional Law Schools, the Decree on the Appointment of Public Educational Officials, and the Public Officials Remuneration Regulations and achieved a complete victory in each case
- Represented the Korea Institute for Curriculum and Evaluation (KICE) and the Korean government in an action for the refund of fees for textbook authorization and prevailed in full
- Represented KICE in multiple legal actions seeking revocation of decisions finding textbooks unsuitable for authorization and prevailed in full in each case
- Prevailed in full in numerous administrative proceedings involving private school disputes, including the revocation of approval for the appointment of school foundation officers and the appointment of provisional directors
- Successfully represented the Minister of Education in an action to revoke a decision denying promotion in a general promotion examination (Reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court)
- Successfully represented the Minister of Education in an action to revoke the revocation of approval for officer appointments (Reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court)
- Represented the Korean government in a class action seeking state compensation in connection with curriculum changes and prevailed in full (Reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court)
- Represented the Minister of Education in an action to revoke the denial of scholarship payments and prevailed in full
- Represented the Minister of Education and the Office of Education in constitutional and administrative litigation concerning English-immersion education and prevailed in full
- Successfully represented the Minister of Education in litigation to revoke a decision denying disclosure of information (Reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court)
- Represented the Minister of Education in an action to revoke the suspension of K University's admissions and to revoke the reduction of admission quotas at University Y and University I and prevailed in full in each case
- Represented the Korean Council for University Education (KCUE) in an action challenging the selection of beneficiary universities under a government-funded university capacity enhancement program and prevailed in full
- Represented Seoul National University and its President in an action to revoke a denial of reappointment and prevailed in full
- Represented Chosun University in in an appeal filed by the university president before the Appeal Commission for Educators (ACE) seeking to overturn the president's removal from office and successfully obtained dismissal of the entire claim

- Represented Sungkyunkwan University and Chung-Ang University in teachers' appeals cases concerning denial of reappointment and prevailed in full in each case
- Advised on a wide range of matters including the establishment of various schools, the management of universities by a private school foundation, the status of faculty at the Korea Institute for Advanced Study (KIAS), the dismissal of the President of University D, and cyber universities
- Advised on numerous matters concerning the establishment and operation of foreign schools and international schools

[Corporate, Media & Emerging Industries]

- Represented Hyundai Capital Services Inc. in an action seeking the confirmation of non-existence of debt and prevailed in full
- Represented Samsung Life Insurance Co., Ltd. in an action seeking revocation of a denial of information disclosure and prevailed in full
- Represented HD Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Ltd. in an action filed by commercial agents seeking compensation and prevailed in full
- Represented Koramco REITs Management and Trust Co., Ltd. in an action seeking revocation of a fraudulent act and prevailed in full (Reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court)
- Represented ELand Cruise Co., Ltd. in an action for collection of claims and prevailed in full
- Successfully represented LG CNS Co., Ltd. in action involving service payments concerning the M Project
- Represented the Northeast Asian History Foundation in administrative action concerning the review of its historical mapping project and prevailed in full
- Advised numerous well-known actors, film directors, and others on defamation, violations of the Act on Promotion of Information and Communications Network Utilization and Information Protection
- Advised actors affiliated with Agencies E and G on contract negotiations and copyright disputes in connection with broadcasting, film, and advertising
- Advised on the production of multiple films, including On Your Wedding Day and The Hit-and-Run Squad

[Pro Bono & Public Interest]

- Successfully represented an asylum seeker in challenging an immigration authority’s decision refusing to refer the applicant for refugee status review
- Obtained full acquittal in the criminal retrial of victims of espionage charges fabricated by state authorities under Korea’s past authoritarian regime, and prevailed in the related state compensation litigation
- Successfully represented a crime victim in a state compensation claim and prevailed (Reversed and remanded by the Supreme Court)
- Represented a victim of a Korean War-era landmine accident in administrative litigation challenging the government’s denial of an application for statutory solatium payments
- Filed a constitutional complaint before the Constitutional Court of Korea challenging the infringement of marginalized voters' right to access election-related information
- Advised the National Human Rights Commission of Korea (NHRCK) on matters relating to its commissioner candidate nomination committee

Honors and Recognitions

2025	Best Advisory Award at the Eighth Korea Legal Awards
2023	Commendation from the Superintendent of Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education for service as a member of the administrative judgment commission
2023	Probono (Litigation) Award at the Sixth Korea Legal Awards
2022	Honored as the Best Lawyer of 2022, jointly selected by Hankyung Business, and Korean In-house Lawyers Association (in public law sector), Hankyung Business
2022	Honored with commendation from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education (a person of national merit contributed to regulatory reform, legislation, litigation, and work of the Korean National Assembly)
2022	Probono (Litigation) Award at the Fifth Korea Legal Awards
2021	Probono (Litigation) Award at the Fourth Korea Legal Awards
2020	Probono (Litigation) Award and Legal Aid Award at the Third Korea Legal Awards
2019	Probono (Litigation) Award and Best Legal Aid Award at the Second Korea Legal Awards
2018	Leading Lawyer in Real Estate Practice, Legal Times

Speaking Engagements and Publications

[Books]

2020. 6.	Blockchain and the Law: The Rule of Code (co-translated), Miraebook
2019. 12.	Traded Justice (co-author), (Humanitas)
2019. 6.	Debate in the Korean Society: Cons and Pros for Development of Democratic Society (co-author), Myong-In Publisher
2016. 5.	Real Estate Development PF Project Act (Co-author) (Pakyoungsa)
2012. 4.	How Has the Election Law Made Us Criminals (Co-author) (Wisdom House)
2007. 9.	A Constitutional Lawsuit Odyssey - Stories of Constitutional Cases in 18 Themes (Imagine)

[Papers/Forum]

2025	Requirements for Justification of Charges Based on Charges for School Sites, Lawwave
2022-2025	Published Series of columns titled “A Walk Through Education Law by Sungcheol PARK,” including “Private School Corporations and Interim Directors,” University News Network
2023-2024	Published a series of columns titled ”Give Me New Law by Sungcheol PARK,” including “21 People Trapped at the Airport,”, etc., Sisa IN
2022-2023	Published a series of medical law columns, including “On Medical Institutions Established by an Unlicensed Person and Obstruction of Justice,” etc., Doctor News
2022-	Published a series of columns including “Legality of Rescission of Vacation Condominium Sales Contract,”, KOSCA
2022	Published a series of columns the “Issue on the Constitutionality of Environmental Improvement Charges,” etc., HK Ilbo
2020	The Issue of Constitutionality under the Election Act, Law Times
2016-2019	Published a series of columns the "Unconstitutionality of Punitive Taxation under Article 81 Paragraph 3 of the Local Tax Act" etc., Jose Ilbo
2017	Illegal Disposition of Taxation, Three Strikes, Law Times

2017 Effects of University Restructuring and Dismissal of Faculty from Office, Law Times
2017 Whether Credit Card Mileage Counts as Taxable Business Income, Law Times
2016 Meaning of Accidents During Commuting and Decision of Constitutional Nonconformity under the Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance Act, Law Times
2016 Published Series of “Learn about the European Court of Human Rights,” “Two Ways To Look At The So-Called Burqa Ban,” etc., Human Rights, National Human Rights Commission
2016 Requirements for State Liability and the Meaning of Causation, Law Times
2016 Interest in Obtaining Declaration of Validity and Invalidity of Ordinance, Law Times
2016 [What I Read] “Lawsuits by Animals” - Written by Antoine F. Goetzel, Law Times
2016 A Case for Determination of Ineligibility for National Cemetery Interment, Law Times
2015-2016 The Election Festivities, Who's Standing in the Way, etc., Story Funding by KAKAO Corp
2015 Review of Laws Governing Inter-Korean Exchange and Cooperation Business through a Third State Corporation, Law Review, Vol. 5, Seoul National University School of Law
2014 The Unconstitutionality of a Prohibitive Clause on Election Campaign by Journalist (Co-author) Volume 12, No.2 , Korean Society for Media Law
2013-2016 Published Series of “Thinking About Election Law With 137 Writers,” etc., Changbi Publishers

[Research Reports]

2024 Standard Contract and Manual for Export and Orders of Smart Farm, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
2024 Amendment to the Livestock Industry Act, Korea Institute for Animal Products Quality Evaluation
2023 Research on Support for Stabilization of School Corporation, Korea Advancing Schools Foundation
2023 Policy Research on Improving the Management and Operation System of University Financial Aid Programs, Ministry of Education
2020 Basic Study on Establishing Criteria for Evaluating Human Rights Violation, the National Human Rights Commission of Korea
2020 Policy Study on Manuals for the Development of Litigation Capacity of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Education
2019 Study on the Development of Textbooks for Education Legislation (Laws and Cases Related to Education), Ministry of Government Legislation
2019 Measures to Improve the Investment Dispute Resolution Procedure Related to the Inter-Korean Economic Cooperation
2019 Study on Measures to Amend the Applicable Laws and Ordinance after the Implementation of Free High School Education, Ministry of Education
2018 Study on the Proposal of Amendments to the Organization of the Republic of Korea National Red Cross Act, The Republic of Korea National Red Cross
2017. 9. Study on Standard Laws for Special Economic Zones of South-North Korea
2016. 11. Study on Legislative Integration Plan for Administration in South-North Korea
2016. 4. Research on Legal Issues in the Proposed International Poverty Alleviation Fund Act, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2015. 11. Study on Legislative Integration Plan for Education in South-North Korea
2013. 12. Study on Legislations Related to the Development of Mineral Resources in North Korea (Joint

	Study with NKRI) (Ministry of Unification)
2013. 9.	In-Depth Study on Kaesung Industrial District Support Law and Its Development Plan (JIPYONG) (Ministry of Unification)
2013. 5.	Study on the Direction of Development for Inter-Korean Exchange and Cooperation Act Law to Foster Community of both Koreas (JIPYONG) (Ministry of Unification)
2013. 1.	Research on Improvement of Pay-for-Performance-Based Annual Salary System for Faculties of National Universities (Ministry of Education)
2012. 11.	Legislative Study on Proposed Amendment to the Education Law in Line with the Changes in the Administrative Environment (JIPYONG) (Ministry of Education)
2012. 9.	Study on Improvement Measures for Remedies Available on Administrative Sanctions applicable in Kaesung Industrial District (JIPYONG) (Ministry of Unification)
2012. 5.	Policy Research on Judicial Support for People with Special Needs (JIPYONG) (Administrative Department of the Supreme Court of Korea)
2011. 3.	Research on Improvement of the Guidelines on Drawing up Student Cumulative Record File (Ministry of Education)
2011. 1.	Report on Preventative Measures and Solutions for Protection of Creditors´ Rights in relation to Kaesung Industrial District (JIPYONG) (Ministry of Unification)
2008. 12.	Report on Preparation for Procedural Plans in relation to Administrative Remedies Available Inside Kaesung Industrial District in North Korean (JIPYONG) (Ministry of Unification

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2008	Korea

Languages

Korean / English

© JIPYONG LLC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.