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Mr. Kong Hyun Lee is a Managing Partner of Jipyong and also heads the firm's Constitution Practice.

Mr. Lee is one of the most prominent figures in Korea's legal history and has led a distinguished career as one of the most influential members of the judiciary. In 2006, Mr. Lee was appointed Justice of the Constitutional Court and served as the country's representative to the Venice Commission of the Council of Europe.

In March 2011, Mr. Lee was awarded Blue Stripes Order of Service Merit, the highest honor given to a public servant.

During his tenure as judge of various courts and Justice of the Constitutional Court from 1973 through 2011, Mr. Lee presided over countless seminal and high-profile cases of human rights, democracy, and due process. Mr. Lee was a Fulbright Fellow at Harvard Law School where he received an LLM degree in 1983.

Under Mr. Lee's leadership, the firm enjoys an unparalleled record and reputation in constitutional litigation, legislative practice, cross-border disputes, and human rights issues.

Mr. Lee currently serves in various advisory committees, bar associations, and counsel boards including the Advisory Committee of the Constitutional Court and the Future Consensus Institute. He is a frequent lecturer and writer on issues concerning constitutional law, democratic process, and social justice.

Education

1983 Harvard Law School (LL.M.)
1971 Seoul National University (LL.B.)

Experience

2011-Present Honorary Managing Partner, JIPYONG LLC
2018-2022 Chair, Public Service Ethics Committee under the Supreme Court of Korea
2017-2023 Member, Advisory Committee, Constitutional Court of Korea
2014-2021 Auditor, Future Consensus Institute
2006-2011 Bureau Member, The Venice Commission
2005-2011 Justice, Constitutional Court
2003 Vice Minister, Ministry of Court Administration
2001-2003 Chief Judge, Seoul Civil District Court
1999 Chief Judge, Seoul High Court
1997 Chief of Staff to Chief Justice of Korea
1997 Head of Judicial Policy Research Office, National Court Administration
1991 Professor, Judicial Research and Training Institute
1988-1991 Chief Judge, Busan District Court
1984-1987 Judge, Seoul High Court
1983-1984 Judge, Daegu High Court
1977-1979 Judge, Seoul Civil District Court
1973-1977 Judge, Seoul Criminal District Court
1973 Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Honors and Recognitions

2022 Achievement Award, Seoul Bar Association
2019 Received the Litigation Award at the Second Korea Legal Awards
2011 Received a Blue Stripes Order of Service Merit

Speaking Engagements and Publications



2020 The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides: International Arbitration - South Korea Chapter
(The Legal 500)

2019

Comparative Legal Guide: International Arbitration (4th edition) - South Korea Chapter (The Legal 500 & The In-House Lawyer)

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

1973

Korea

Languages

Korean / English