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Summary

Mr. Yong-Sup Kim received his Dr. iur. from the University of Mannheim, Germany after passing the 26th Bar Examination in 1984. He served as a legal practitioner and administrative appeals officer at the Ministry of Legislation. At Aram Law Firm, Mr. Kim has specialized in administrative appeals, administrative litigation, constitutional litigation, sports disputes, and mediation, and has been a full-time professor of administrative law at Chonbuk National University Law School for more than 20 years, where he has published numerous books and articles.

After retiring as a law school professor, he plans to provide specialized and differentiated legal services derived from his various activities. He has served as President of the Korean Administrative Law Association, President of the Korea Society of Mediation Studies, President of the National Public Law Association of Korea, and President of the Korea Administrative Law and Practice Association, where he organized academic conferences and promoted research. He is currently serving as a member of the National Assembly's Legislative Support Committee, a member of the Korean Bar Association's Legal Affairs Committee (Subcommittee on Public Law Review), Chairman of the Legislation Editorial Board of the Ministry of Legislation, a member of the Advisory Committee on Active Administrative Immunity of the National Audit Office, an advisor to the Korea Anti-Doping Agency, and a non-executive mediator of the Korean Medical Dispute Mediation and Arbitration Commission. He has served as a member of the Constitutional Court's Constitutional Law and Constitutional Court System Research Committee, Director of Chonbuk National University Law Institute, Auditor of the Korea Legislation Research Institute, member of the Central Disciplinary Committee of the Ministry of Personnel and Innovation, and a member of various committees in Gwangjin-gu, Gangseo-gu in Seoul and Gwacheon- Cityl. His areas of expertise range from administrative litigation practice, sports and doping disputes, school violence disputes between teachers and students, and disciplinary actions against public officials. Legislative support consulting and legal system design are also among his specialized legal services. Mr. Yong Sup Kim aims to provide optimal legal services with the utmost passion and best efforts for the success of his clients.

Practice Areas

Legislative Support, Administrative Appeals, Administrative Litigation, Public Interest Litigation, Mediation, Sports and Doping Disputes, School Violence, Teacher and Public Employee Discipline

Education

1981	Kyung Hee University, College of Law (LL.B.)
1983	Kyung Hee University Law School (LL.M.)
1985	Seoul National University, College of Law (LL.M.)
1992	Seoul National University, College of Law (JSD)
1994	University of Mannheim,Germany Doctor of Laws (Dr. iur.)

Professional Career

1984	Passed the 26th National Judicial Examination
1987	Graduated from the Judicial Research and Training Institute (16th Class)
1987 - 1990	Investigating Officer, Army 2nd Military Command
1990 - 1996	Administrative Officer and Director of Social and Cultural Administrative Appeals (Senior Administrative Officer, Division Chief), Office of Legislative Affairs, Ministry of Government Legislation
1996 - 2001	Assistant Professor and Associate Professor of Administrative Law, College of Law, Kyung Hee University
2002 - 2005	Attorney at Law Firm Aram
2002 - October 2003	President, Society for Administrative Law Theory and Practice
2004 - 2007	Auditor, Korea Institute of Legislation and Legal Affairs
2005 - 2009	Associate Professor, College of Law, Chonbuk National University; Director, Institute of Legal Studies
2009 - August 2024	Professor, College of Law, Jeonbuk National University; Chair, Department of Law
2017 - 2022	Member, Central Disciplinary Committee, Ministry of Personnel Management
2004 - 2023	Vice President, Korean Sports and Entertainment Law Association
2015 - 2024	Member, Committee on Institutional Reform, Constitutional Court; Member, Research Committee on the Constitution and the Constitutional Court System
2019 - December2024	President, Korean Administrative Law Association; President, Korean Association of State Law; President, Korean Mediation Association
2024 - Present	Director, Yeongsan Legal Culture Foundation
2005 - Present	Member, National Assembly Legislative Support Committee
2020 - Present	Chair, Legislative Drafting Editorial Committee, Ministry of Government Legislation
2015 - Present	Member, Legislation Committee of the Korean Bar Association (Chair, Public Law Review Subcommittee)
2020 - Present	Non-standing Mediator, Korea Medical Dispute Mediation Committee
2023 - Present	Member, Advisory Committee on Immunity for Proactive Administration, Board of Audit and Inspection
2024 - Present	Professor Emeritus, Jeonbuk National University School of Law
2024 - Present	Attorney at S&L Partners; Director, Legislative Support Center
2025 - Present	Member, Education Committee, Seoul Bar Association

2025 - Present	Adjunct Professor, Department of Law, Sejong University (Administrative Law)
2025 - Present	Honorary Lawyer-Teacher, Seoul Jeongdeok Elementary School
2026 - Present	Court-Appointed Public Defender, Supreme Court
2026 - Present	Corporate Director, Manhae Ideology Practice Union (incorporated association)
2026 - Present	Director, Seoul National University Alumni Association
2026 - Present	President, Sagye Society

Publications

Nachklang-Reflexionen und Betrachtungen (2026, Hannuri Media)
The Path of Law and the Humanities (2025, Kyungin Culture Publishing)
New Directions in Korean Administrative Law (2024, Kyungin Culture Publishing)
Straightforward Writing and Objective Commentary (2024, The Legal News)
Law School Case Law Textbook: Administrative Law, 5th Edition (2024, co-authored by four authors, Beopmunsa)
Theory of Administrative Law and Case Law Analysis (2020, Parkyoungsa)
A Study on Judicial Control Measures for Administrative Investigations (2016, co-authored by three authors, Parkyoungsa)
Sports and Entertainment Law (2010, co-authored by five authors, Beopmunsa)
Commentary on Administrative Case Law (2003, Korean Society of Judicial Administration)
Q&A on Sports Law (2002, co-translated with one other author, Beopyeongsa)
Legal and Policy Challenges for the Innovation of the Mediation System, and over 180 other academic papers
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[Academic Paper] Directions for Improving the Legal System to Determine Jurisdictional Boundaries in the Saemangeum Region, Administrative Law, Vol. 27, September 2024.
[Opinion Column] The Special Meaning of the Number 24 in My Life, Law School Times, February 10, 2025.
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[Law and the Humanities] Eungwang Yonsei and Noblesse Oblige, Law School Times, April 10, 2025.
[Law and the Humanities] Announcement of Bar Exam Results: Beyond a Time of Joy and Sorrow, April 30, 2025.
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[Essays on Legislation] Legal Policy Challenges for Improving the Quality of Legislation, Legislation, Issue No. 709, June 2025.
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[Law and Humanities] The Path of a Legal Professional—Stoic Equanimity (Apatheia), Law School Times, July 22, 2025.
[Legal Forum] Historical Perspectives in Law School Textbooks, The Legal News, July 30, 2025.
[Law and the Humanities] Historical Records and the Legal Scholar's Perspective, Law School Times, August 27, 2025.
[Academic Paper] Proposals for Legal Integration to Ensure the Efficient Operation of the Citizens' Audit Request

System and the Public Interest Audit Request System, Human Rights and Justice, Issue No. 532, September 2025.
[Law and Humanities] Manhae's Philosophy of Freedom and Peace and the Constitutional Debate on Unification, Law School Times, September 16, 2025
[Law and Humanities] Two Archetypes of Legal Scholars: Sagye Kim Jang-saeng and Chusa Kim Jeong-hui, Law School Times, October 25, 2025
[Opinion] Legal and Policy Issues with the Government Organization Act Proposing the Abolition of the Prosecutor's Office, Human Rights and Justice, Issue No. 533, November 2025
[Eulogy] Praying for the Eternal Rest of Dr. Jeong Hyun Park Yun-heun, Legal Times, November 20, 2025
[Law and the Humanities] Bamberg, Germany, and E.T.A. Hoffmann, Law School Times, November 20, 2025
[Law and the Humanities] Report on Observing the 6th World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) General Assembly in 2025, Law School Times, December 24, 2025.
[Book Review] Introduction to the EU AI Act, by Park No-hyung, Professor Emeritus, Korea University Law School, The Legal News, December 22, 2025.
[Kim Yong-Sup's Comparative Essays (Part 1)] Encountering the Tiger in the Year of the Fire Horse (Byeong-o) and
[Kim Yong-Sup's Comparative Essays (比較漫筆) ①] The Tiger and the Lion We Encounter in the Year of the Fire Horse (丙午年), and Leadership, NewsQuest, January 4, 2026.
[Kim Yong-Sup's Comparative Essays] ② The World Cup and Local Elections in June, and the Test of Fair Play, NewsQuest, January 18, 2026.
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[Kim Yong-Sup's Comparative Essays (比較漫筆)] ③ The Family Traditions of the Yeonan Lee and Gwangsan Kim Clans, and Lee Hu-baek (李後白), the Symbol of an Honest and Upright Official, NewsQuest, February 2, 2026.
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[Law and the Humanities] The Past, Present, and Future of Seocho Legal District, Law School Times, March 25, 2026.
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[Opinion] Legal and Policy Discussions on the Unconstitutionality of the "Special Prosecutor Bill on Dismissal of Indictments" and Its Undermining of the Criminal Justice System, Human Rights and Justice, Issue No. 538, June 2026
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[Legal Plaza] A Critical Examination of Sports Disciplinary Actions Where Fairness and the Principle of Proportionality Are Missing—Observing the Developments in the Cheongryonggi Tournament Baejae High School Player Cheering Incident—, The Legal News, July 8, 2026.
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Awards/Professional Accolades

1989: Commendation from the Military Police Commander of the 2nd Army Command, Republic of Korea Army
1995: Commendation from the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs (Outstanding Civil Servant)
2008: Appreciation Plaque from the Secretary-General of the National Assembly (Legislative Support Committee Member)
2020: Newcomer Award in Korean Buddhist Literature, Debuted as a Poet
2022: Appreciation Plaque from the Director of the Ministry of Personnel Management (Central Disciplinary Committee Member)
2024: Awarded the Order of Service Merit, Okjo Geunjeong Medal (South Korea)
2025: Special Feature: 80th Anniversary of Liberation—Innovative Leaders Shaping Korea in 2025 (Legal Services Category) (Newsmaker)
2026: Recipient of the Korean Bar Association Award for Distinguished Service
2026: Special Feature: Innovative Leaders Shaping Korea in 2026 (Legal Services Category) (Newsmaker)

Qualifications

Obtained qualification as a Korean lawyer (1987). Registered (1996)
Registered as a Korean patent attorney (2002)

Membership

Korean Bar Association
Korea Patent Attorneys Association

Languages

Korean, English, German, Japanese

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