



Ki-Moon Sung

Managing Partner

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Summary

Ki-Moon Sung joined S&L Partners after 34 years of serving as a judge.

Ki-Moon started his career as a judge at the Seoul Civil District Court in March 1985 and retired after serving as Chief Justice of the Chuncheon District Court.

During his term as presiding judge at the Seoul Central District Court, he was a Chief Judge of the media department and Head Arbitrator of the Press Arbitration Commission, taking charge of media-related disputes. During his term as presiding judge of the Seoul High Court, he was a chief judge of the Medical Department, and left numerous opinions concerning medical litigation, including a well-known decision acknowledging the correlation between smoking tobacco and lung cancer.

He is especially well experienced in IP and trademark litigation, due to his term as a judge at the IP Litigation Court for over 5 years.

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property, Media, Medicine/Pharmaceutical, Criminal, Administrative

Education

1978	Seoul National University, College of Law (LL.B.)
1976	Seoul National University, College of Business (B.A.)

Professional Career

2019 - Present	S&L Partners Managing Partner
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2019	Retirement (Age of Retirement)
2017 – 2019	Presiding Judge, Seoul Central District Court/Senior Judge
2016 – 2017	Presiding Judge, Seoul High Court
2014 – 2016	Chief Judge, Chun-cheon District Court
2009 – 2014	Presiding Judge, Seoul High Court
2008 – 2009	Chief Presiding Judge, IP Litigation Court
2007 – 2008	Presiding Judge, IP Litigation Court
2006 – 2007	Presiding Judge, Busan High Court
2005 – 2006	Presiding Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2004 – 2005	Presiding Judge, Seoul East District Court
2002 – 2004	Presiding Judge, Seoul District Court, East Division
1999 – 2002	Judge, IP Litigation Court
1999 – 1999	Judge, Seoul District Court
1997 – 1999	Judge, Seoul High Court
1995 – 1997	Judge & Professor, Judicial Research and Training Institute
1994 – 1995	Judge, Seoul Civil District Court
1993	Visiting Scholar, Duke University
1991 – 1993	Judge, Seoul District Court, South Division
1989 – 1991	Judge, Gwangju District Court
1987 – 1989	Judge, Seoul District Court, East Division
1985 – 1987	Judge, Seoul Civil District Court
1985	Admitted to the Korean Bar
1982	Completed Service as Lieutenant in the Korean Navy (OCS 69th)
1981	Passed the 23rd National Bar Examination

Membership

Korean Bar Association (admitted in 2019)

Seoul Bar Association (admitted in 2019)

Languages

Korean, English