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Mr. Jeong Hoon LEE, who graduated from the judicial research and training institute in 2000, is a former District Judge, former law clerk at the Supreme Court of Korea, and former Presiding Judge of the Gwangju District Court and the Seoul High Court. Mr. Lee joined Jipyong in March, 2021.

During his 20 years of tenure on the bench, he presided over a diverse range of matters, including civil, criminal, administrative, application, and family matters, at courts of various instances, such as the Seoul Central District Court, Seoul Administrative Court, and Seoul High Court, acquiring significant experience in complex litigation. Mr. Lee also served as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Korea (Civil Division/Constitutional and Administrative Division).

Based on his experiences, he represents clients in various litigation and provides professional legal services across criminal, civil, labor, and administrative areas of law.

Education

2019	Seoul National University, Institute of Economic Research, Advanced Strategy Program for Global Economy (coursework completed)
2013	Chonnam National University, Graduate School of Law (M.A. in Administrative Law)
2010	University of California Davis School of Law Visiting Scholar
1993	Yonsei University (B.A. in Library & Information Science)

Experience

2021-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2025-Present	Director, Seoul Bar Association
2024-Present	Member, Deliberation Committee on Administrative Disposition in Aviation Sector, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport
2024-Present	Special Committee on Judicial Evaluation, Korean Bar Association
2023-Present	Legal Advisor, Gyeonggi Research Institute
2023-Present	Special Committee on Judicial Evaluation, Gyeonggi Research Institute
2022-Present	Arbitrator, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board
2022-Present	Adjunct Professor, Seoul National University School of Law
2021-Present	Legal Counsel, Han Yang Corporation
2021-Present	Member, Legislation Committee, Korean Library Association
2014-Present	Member, Special Law Research Society, Supreme Court
2021-2024	Legal advisor, Crime Victim Protection Committee, National Police Agency
2018-2021	Judge, Seoul High Court
2017-2018	Presiding Judge, Gwangju District Court
2014-2017	Law Clerk, Supreme Court of Korea
2012-2014	Judge, Seoul Administrative Court
2009-2012	Judge, Ansan Branch of Suwon District Court
2006-2009	Judge, Gunsan Branch of Jeonju District Court
2004-2006	Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2002-2004	Apprentice Judge, Western branch of Seoul District Court
2002	Judicial Research and Training Institute

Notable Achievements

- Represented a client under police investigation for allegedly attempting to purchase narcotics; secured a decision not to refer the case to the prosecution on a finding of no grounds for the allegations
- Represented a development agent against whom a detention warrant was sought on allegations that it had fraudulently obtained proceeds from unit sales and project agency fees in connection with a local housing cooperative project; secured denial of the warrant application
- Represented Korea Water Resources Corporation (“K-water”) in litigation brought by employees of a subcontractor seeking recognition as K-water employees; secured a favorable judgment
- Represented a client in a dispute over control of a foundation established to develop and maintain corporate cemeteries and natural burial facilities; secured a favorable judgment with the successful outcome valued at KRW 5 billion or more
- Represented a defendant charged with special intimidation; secured a suspended sentence
- Represented a client referred to the prosecution on allegations of fraudulently obtaining proceeds from apartment sales and other payments in connection with an apartment development project; secured a decision not to prosecute on any of them

- Represented a defendant charged with forgery of private documents, use of forged private documents, and obstruction of official duties by fraudulent means for allegedly forging an application in the name of a unit owner to obtain a change in a building's permitted use; secured an acquittal
- Represented a company [redacted] in an action seeking revocation of a disposition by Korea Railroad Corporation restricting the company's eligibility to participate in bidding on the grounds of an alleged breach of material contract terms; prevailed in full
- Represented a defendant on appeal after a first-instance sentence of two years and six months' imprisonment on charges of special obstruction of official duties resulting in injury, damage to official documents, and a violation of the Punishment of Violences Act; secured an acquittal on the special obstruction charge and a suspended sentence
- Represented a client in an application to stay the revocation of approval for the transfer of the Saemangeum Wind Power Project; secured a stay
- Represented the Uijeongbu G Housing Redevelopment Project Association in proceedings on applications for provisional dispositions to prohibit bidding procedures and to suspend construction, as well as in an action for confirmation of contractor status; prevailed in all proceedings
- Represented the Daeheung [redacted] District Urban Environment Improvement Project Association, BHOO Co., Ltd., the J Reconstruction Committee, and other clients in multiple court application proceedings in administrative cases; secured favorable rulings
- Represented an officer of an association [redacted] against whom a detention warrant was sought on allegations of accepting bribes and other offenses in connection with an urban development project, asserting the client's innocence; secured dismissal of the warrant application
- Represented the CEO of Company K, who was charged with fraud under the Act on the Aggravated Punishment, etc. of Specific Economic Crimes for allegedly deceiving the Public Procurement Service and fraudulently obtaining approximately KRW 17 billion in connection with the supply of goods; secured a suspended sentence
- Represented a defendant in custody at first instance on charges of disclosing national core technology in violation of the Act on Prevention of Divulgence and Protection of Industrial Technology; secured a suspended sentence
- Represented a chief executive officer in cartel proceedings involving major Korean companies; secured acquittals in two cases and a sentence limited to a fine in another case
- Represented the chairperson of a community credit cooperative [redacted] in a case involving alleged violations of the Community Credit Cooperatives Act; secured acquittals on some charges and a fine that allowed the client to retain the chairperson position
- Successfully represented the developer of the special private park development project in the defense of a claim for confirmation of the invalidity of a disposition of authorization of an implementation plan that omitted an environmental impact assessment, and won by obtaining a judgment of dismissal of the claim (affirming the validity of the disposition of authorization of the implementation plan)
- Successfully represented Seoul Asan Medical Center Consortium as preferred bidder in a claim for suspension of execution of the designation of preferred bidder for the Incheon Chengna Medical Complex Town Project and obtained a dismissal
- Successfully represented the defendant in an appeal against the Court of First Instance decision of 3-year imprisonment on the ground of defrauding the plaintiffs of funds by fraudulently claiming that it is for a real estate development project, etc. and obtained an acquittal

- Successfully represented Munhwa Broadcasting Corporation and Smart Media Representative Co., Ltd. in a damages action brought by the Korea Broadcasting Performers' Rights Association in connection with audiovisual works featuring broadcast performers including IU and Jung-seok Cho
- Successfully represented Lotte Cultureworks in the appellate proceedings of litigation brought by Coupang Play in connection with the license agreement for the film Hansan: Rising Dragon

Honors and Recognitions

2023-2026	Leading Lawyer in Dispute Resolution & Litigation Practice, Legal Times
2019	Global Economic Leadership Award, Seoul National University

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2021	Criminal Liability Arising from a Serious Accident that You Must Know, JoongAng Economy
2020	How to Handle the Withholding Tax Upon Return of the Provisional Payment After Cancellation of the Pronouncement of Provisional Execution (Commentary on Judgment)
2016	In the case where an employee hired by a subcontractor experienced an accident due to an act conducted by the subcontractor, whether he falls under the "Third Party" specified in Article 87 (1) of the Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance Act (Commentary on Supreme Court Decision, Supreme Court Library)
2016	Study on whether the owner of land may file a claim for loss if the land became part of state-owned property by being incorporated in the river section after its acquisitive prescription of the government had been expired (Commentary on Supreme Court Decision, Supreme Court Library)
2014	Theory and Practice of Administrative Litigation (Revised Edition) (Co-author)
2013	Study on Expansion of the Scope of Application of the Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance Act (Master's Thesis)
2013	Study on Discriminatory Application of Industrial Accident Compensation Insurance Act in Commuting Accidents (Administrative Trial Practice Vol. 125, Supreme Court Library)
2007	Guidelines on Environmental Trials (co-author)
2006	Study on whether an act constitutes complex disturbance of sunshine and joint tort (Commentary on Judgment)
2006	Environmental Infringement by Plural Causes (Including complex disturbance of sunshine) (Academic Paper)

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2002	Korea

Languages

Korean / English

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