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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Career as a Public Interest Lawyer

Representative Attorney

Jan 2017 - Present

Disability Rights Advocate Center

- Advocated for the rights of the persons with disabilities, children, sexual minorities through litigation, advice, policy and legislation research, institutional improvement, human rights education, and lectures

Team leader, Standing Attorney

Jan 2014 - Dec 2016

Seoul Human Rights Center for the Persons with Disabilities

- Advocated for the rights of the Persons with Disabilities through litigation, legal advice, on-site investigation, and research on Seoul city's persons with disabilities and minorities

Pro Bono Director, Attorney

Feb 2012 - Dec 2013

Dongcheon Foundation (Founded by Bae, Kim & Lee LLC)

- Delegated persons with disabilities, North Korean escapees, and refugees who experienced human rights violations, and initiated public interest litigation, and policy improvement
- Planned, coordinated, and jointly took charge of pro bono cases

Career as a Human Rights Activist

Vice-Chair

March 2019 - March 2022

Seoul Committee on Human Rights

- Reviewed Seoul City's human rights policies and provided legal advices

Member of the Legal Advisory Committee for Abuse Cases

May 2019 - Present

National Advocacy Agency for Persons with Disabilities

- Provided legal advice and support for persons with disabilities who are victims of abuse

Cultural Diversity Committee

Mar 2019 - Present

Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism

- Proposed policies and advices to empower cultural diversity for social minorities

Career as a Legal and Public Policy Expert

Deliberation Committee

Member of Anti-Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities

Dec 2018 - Present

Ministry of Justice

- Investigated violations of the 'Act on the Prohibition of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities' and made corrective orders resolution

**Expert Committee Member
on the Protection of
Children's Rights**

Mar 2021 – June 2022

Human Rights Commission

Dec 2020 - Jun 2021

Ministry of Justice

- Advised for improving child abuse related law,
proposed policies to protect victims, and provided legal
consulting

Supreme Prosecutors' Office of the Republic of Korea

- Provided consulting on improving investigative
practices to protect social minorities, and revised policies
laws and prosecution guidelines

LICENSES

Lawyer

Jan 2012

Sexual Violence Counselor

Aug 2016

Social Welfare Officer

Mar 2017

Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea

(License number 14720)

Ministry of Gender Equality and Family,

Republic of Korea

(License number 2016-1-05)

Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea

(License number 2-736177)

EDUCATION

Visiting Scholar

Jul 2022-Jul 2023

Research Fellow

Jul 2023-Jul 2024

Master of Social Work

Mar 2020 - Feb 2022

Governmental Legal Training

Mar 2010 - Jan 2012

Bachelor of Laws

Mar 2001 - Aug 2006

Duke University Law school,

United States of America, North Carolina

UNC (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

United States of America, North Carolina

-Carolina Asia Center

Chonnam National University College of Social Welfare,

Republic of Korea

- High Honors student and graduated Summa cum laude

The Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme

Court of Korea (JRTI), Republic of Korea

Kangwon National University College of Law,

Republic of Korea

PUBLICATIONS

Research Highlights

Kim Y., et al., (2023) "Analyzing Child Abuse Cases in Education", *Ministry of Justice, Republic of Korea*

Lee seung., **Kim Y.**, et al., (2022) "A Study on the Plan for Strengthening Early Response to Child Abuse - Focusing on the investigation system and protection system -", *National Research Council for Economics, Humanities and Social Sciences*

Kim Y. (2022) "A study on Youth Aging-out from Out-of-Home care Experience of Supporting Relationships with origin-family", *Chonnam National University*

Kim Y., Han M. (2019) "Study on the Judicial Support Plan for Juvenile Persons with Disabilities Protection Cases" *Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice*

Kim D., **Kim Y.**, Lee J., Lee S. & Yeom H. (2017) "Welfare Act Guide for Persons with Disabilities" *Seoul Welfare Foundation*

Kim Y. (2016) "Introduction and Rights Protection System for the Persons with Disabilities" *Research on the Law of the Persons with Disabilities*

Kang M., **Kim Y.**, Choi J., You J., Yoon Y. & Lee S. (2016) “A review of the legal basis for relieving discrimination related to access and use of websites for the persons of disabilities” *Research on the Law of the Persons with Disabilities*

Kim Y. (2016) “Advisable management plan for Korean model of advocate agency for the rights of persons with disabilities”, Public Interest and Human Rights Vol.16 Seoul University

Kim et al., (2015) “Human Rights of the Persons with Disabilities” *Korean Bar Association Human Rights Report*

Kim et al., (2014) “Human Rights of the Persons with Disabilities” *Korean Bar Association Human Rights Report*

Kang J., **Kim Y.**, Min S. & Lee J. (2011) “Ethics Management and the Law” *The Korea Academy of Business Ethics*

Books

Kim Y. (2024) “Standing for Someone” *Woongjin Jisik House*

Kim et.al (2021) “Could Not Say I Like You” *Jumping Books*

Kim Y. (2021) “Saying I Did Not Mean It” *Woongjin Jisik House*

Kim Y. (2020) “A Child Who Is Not Strange or Sick” *Woorischool Books* – (Ranked 3rd in the Humanitarian Book of 2021 List)

Kim Y. (2019) “Everyone Has Blossomed” *Ewho Books*

Kim et al. (2017) “Commentary on the Act on the Prohibition of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities” *Nanam Publishing*

Other Publications

Kim, Y. (2023).For school violence and school rights measures to embrace children's human rights. Citizen&the World,, 181-191, 10.35548/cw.2023.12.43.181

Kim Y. (2019) “Regulations of Digital Sexual Violence Contents in the United States” *The trend of broadcasting and communication deliberation vol. 2019-2*

Kim Y. (2017) “Research on the Development of Textbooks to Improve Awareness of the Persons with Disabilities, and Instructor Training System” *Korea Disabled People’s Development Institute*

Kim Y. (2017) “Study on the Improvement of Monitoring the Implementation of the Act on the Prohibition of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities” *Korea Disabled People’s Development Institute*

Kim Y. (2017) “Monitoring the Prevention of Discrimination Against the Persons with Disabilities on the Media” *National Human Rights Commission of Korea*

Kim Y. (2017) “Study on Policy Measures for Deinstitutionalization of Persons with Disabilities and Settlement in the Community” *Ministry of Health and Welfare*

Kim Y. (2017) “Survey on the Actual Conditions of the Persons with Severe Physical and Mental Disabilities Living in Residential Facilities” *National Human Rights Commission of Korea*

Kim Y. (2017) “Survey on the Human Rights of Residential Facilities for the Persons with Disabilities” *Korea Federation of Organizations of the Disabled*

Kim Y. (2016) “Manual for Public Interest Legislation Manual” *Network for Organizing and Widening Pro Bono Activities*

Kim Y. (2016) “Manual for Providing Legitimate Service when Responding to the Complaints of Persons with Disabilities” *Seoul Human Rights Center for the Persons with Disabilities*

Kim Y. (2015) “Manual on the Prohibition of Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities in Sports Facilities” *Korea Disabled People’s Development Institute*
Kim Y. (2015) “Research on the Establishment and Operation of the Gyeongbuk Human Rights Center for Persons with Disabilities” *Gyeongbuk Happiness Foundation*
Kim Y. (2014) “Guide for Victim Investigation based on the Types of Disability” *Supreme Prosecutors’ Office of the Republic of Korea*
Kim Y. (2014) “Response to Human Rights Violations and Follow-up Measures at Facilities for Persons with Disabilities” *Seoul Human Rights Center for the Persons with Disabilities*

AWARDS

Grand Award for Public Interest Lawyer Jan 2023	Korean Bar Association
Ministerial Award Jun 2022	Ministry of Science and ICT
Presidential Award for Crime Victim Protection Nov 2021	President of the Republic of Korea
Ministerial Award Oct 2021	Ministry of the Interior and Safety
12th Youth Ilga Award Sep 2020	Ilga Foundation
Best Speaker for Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities Dec 2019	Ministry of Health and Welfare
Public Service Award Sep 2019	Seoul Bar Association
Best Lawyer Award Dec 2018	Korean Bar Association
Best Young Public Interest Lawyer Award Dec 2018	Network for Organizing and Widening Pro Bono Activities
Seoul Welfare Award Grand Prize Apr 2018	Seoul City
Kwak Jung Sook Human Rights Award Mar 2018	Kwak Jung Sook Memorial Association
Achievement Award for Empowering Children’s Rights Jan 2018	Korea Women Lawyers Association
Young Lawyer Award Feb 2017	Korean Bar Association
Ministerial Award Dec 2016	Ministry of Health and Welfare
Achievement Award for Empowering Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities Jan 2015	Korea Women Lawyers Association

AFFILIATIONS

Committee Member, Discrimination Review Committee for Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Justice

Vice Chair, Seoul Committee on Human Rights
Non-Executive Director, Korea Women Lawyers Association
Director of Education, *Korea Disability Law Association*
Secretary General, *Public interest Law Funding*
Steering Committee, Christianity Anti-Gender-Based-Violence Center
Advisory Attorney, Disability Discrimination Act of Solidarity in Korea
Member of Legal Committee, Research Institute for the Rights and Interests of Persons with Disabilities
Member of Cultural Diversity Committee, Ministry of Culture, Sport and Tourism
Member of Policy Advisory Committee, Supreme Prosecutors' Office of the Republic of Korea
Human Rights Policy Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Justice

MEDIA APPEARANCE / PRESENTATIONS

Delivered presentations on various topics including: human rights of persons with disabilities; child abuse and sexual violence prevention; gender equality; anti-discrimination; human rights related legal system; investigative agent retraining
Gave interviews to [Daily Newspaper interviews](#)
Contributed op-eds to two major newspapers 24 times per year
Appeared on TV lecture programs: [Differential Class](#)¹ and [Sebasi Talk](#)²

¹ This program once hosted Jared Diamond and Michael Sandel respectively

² Equivalent to the Korean version of TED Talks