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Mr. Jootag Yoon is a partner at Shin & Kim whose main practice areas are patents, utility models, designs, trademarks, unfair competition, trade secrets, industrial technology protection, technology, media, and telecommunications (TMT), digital technology, data law, privacy protection, software disputes, copyrights and entertainment, product liability, and bio and healthcare.

Mr. Yoon is an Electronics Engineering major who served as a high court judge at the Intellectual Property Trial Division of the Seoul High Court and a judge at various courts, including the Patent Court and the Seoul Central District Court, from February 2004 to February 2021. During his service, Mr. Yoon handled various intellectual property cases including patents, preliminary injunctions, bankruptcy, rehabilitation, and other civil and criminal cases. In particular, Mr. Yoon handled, as a judge, intellectual property cases (claims for damages, preliminary injunctions, and appeals) in relation to patents, trademarks, designs, trade secrets, and copyrights at the Patent Court, Seoul High Court, and Seoul Central District Court. He also lectured on intellectual property law at the Judicial Research and Training Institute, Seoul Bar Association, and Korean Patent Attorneys Association. He has presented on issues in intellectual property law, such as the compensation for employee inventions, at the Supreme Court Special Practice Study Group and the Patent Court Public Seminar and published and co-authored articles and legal commentaries on intellectual property law.

Since joining Shin & Kim, Mr. Yoon has represented clients and won in multiple cases in relation to patent infringement, trade secret infringement (in civil and criminal disputes), non-compete agreements, copyright infringement, trademark and design infringement, and product liability, in several of which he successfully obtained a remand decision from the Supreme Court. Also, he has advised his clients on various issues in his major practice areas, including Freedom-to-Operate (FTO) analysis.

Mr. Yoon graduated from Seoul National University, Department of Electronics Engineering (currently Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering) and completed the 33rd class of the Judicial Research and Training Institute. Mr. Yoon served as a judge and high court judge from February 2004 to February 2021.

Professional Career

2021-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2019-2021	High Court Judge, Seoul High Court (Intellectual Property Rights Specialist Tribunal)
2018-2019	Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2014-2018	Judge, Patent Court
2011-2014	Judge, Anyang Branch of Suwon District Court
2007-2011	Judge, Changwon District Court
2006-2007	Judge, Seoul Eastern District Court
2004-2006	Judge, Seoul Central District Court
2002-2004	Judicial Research & Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea

Professional Affiliations

2024-Present	Member, Korea Copyright Commission
2023-Present	Vice-President, Korean Intellectual Property Lawyers Association (KIPLA)
2023-2026	Director, Korea Institute of Design Promotion
2022-Present	Member, Editorial Board of "The Justice", Korean Society of Law

Key Experience

- Represented injunction case on prohibition of copyright infringement in motion picture scenario.
- Represented 1st, 2nd, and 3rd instances of a screen golf copyright infringement cases.
- Represented a patentee in the 2nd and 3rd trials in patent infringement litigation in relation to a screen golf system
- Represented a major Korean telecommunications company in a patent infringement litigation in relation to a Korean input method and device for a mobile phone
- Represented a major Korean telecommunications company in a patent infringement litigation in relation to an electronic receipt issuance method
- Represented a major Korean steel company in the 2nd and 3rd trials in patent invalidation litigation in relation to aluminum alloy
- Represented a major Korean display manufacturer in patent infringement litigation in relation to display device manufacturing methods and manufacturing devices
- Represented a major Korean security solution company in patent infringement litigation in relation to network security methods and systems
- Represented affiliates of a major Korean conglomerate in patent infringement litigation in relation to autonomous

driving

- Advised client by analyzing approximately 30 patent FTOs in the process of establishment of a joint venture for manufacturing biodegradable plastics
- Represented a major Korean display manufacturer in the 2nd and 3rd trials of a criminal case involving infringement of trade secrets in relation to digital displays
- Represented a Korean conglomerate in multiple trade secret infringement cases, including criminal cases, preliminary injunction cases, and damages claims in relation to semiconductor cleaning equipment
- Represented a foreign company in a claim for preliminary injunction against infringement of trade secrets in relation to construction methods and systems for high-rise concrete structures
- Represented a Korean conglomerate in multiple disputes over non-compete agreements between the Korean conglomerate and semiconductor designers
- Represented a foreign company in a trademark infringement action
- Represented a Korean conglomerate in a product liability claim in relation to a battery fire
- Represented a foreign company in a product liability claim in relation to a vehicle fire
- Represented a Korean conglomerate in a dispute over the development of a carbon trading software platform
- Represented an insurance company in a dispute over the development of a next-generation software system of an insurance company
- Represented a Korean conglomerate in a dispute over R&D document management software

Education

2016	U.C. Davis School of Law, Visiting Scholar
1989-1996	Seoul National University Department of Electronic Engineering

Qualifications

2021	Admitted to patent bar, Korea
2004	Admitted to bar, Korea

Languages

Korean, English, Japanese

Professional Activities

Lectures

- Lecturer, Intellectual Property Law including Patent Law, Judicial Research and Training Institute, Seoul Bar Association, and Korean Patent Attorneys Association

Publications

- “Practice on Intellectual Property Litigation”, Park Young-sa (Co-authored)
- “Commentary to the Design Protection Act”, Park Young-sa (Co-authored)
- “Commentary on Trademark Law”, Park Young-sa (Co-authored)
- “Online Commentary on Patent Law”, LAWnB (Co-authored)
- “Prohibition of Request for Duplicate Trial”, Special Law Research, Judicial Development Foundation (2019)
- “Case Study on Incomplete Invention”, Patent Litigation Research Vol.7, Patent Court (2017)
- “A Case of Recognizing the Progress of Pharmaceutical Substance Invention”, LAW & TECHNOLOGY Vol. 13, No. 3, Seoul National University Technology Department Law Center (2017)

Professional Accolades

- "Leading Individual" for Intellectual Property, Chambers Global/Chambers Asia, 2025-2026
- "Leading Lawyer" for Intellectual Property, Legal Times, 2022-2025