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I have served as a neutral since 2011 to the present time. I have mediated a few hundred civil cases. I have rendered my mediation services as part of my pro bono services to the public to resolve limited civil cases, small claims, unlawful detainer, and civil harassment under the court-annexed programs in Orange County. I have also mediated unlimited and complex civil cases as a private neutral. I have served as an adjunct professor at Trinity Law School in Santa Ana since 2013 to the present time. I am responsible for:

Teaching students ADR(Alternative Dispute Resolution) laws and practice as a problem-solving and peacemaking tool; Training students to act as third-party neutrals to help the disputants to facilitate a resolution of their conflicts before or after the lawsuit filed; Establishing an on-campus Mediation Clinic; Coordinating with various stakeholders such as Orange County Superior Court, Community Service Program and Orange County Human Relations to implement the court-connected mediation clinic; and Supervising a selective group of students to mediate the real lawsuits at the court sites.

Areas of Practice

- Alternative Dispute Resolution (Negotiation. Mediation. Arbitration)
- Consultancy for Korea-U.S. law and business practice

Teaching Experience (Past/Present)

- Trinity Law School, Adjunct Professor:(2012-present)
 - “Alternative dispute Resolution”
 - “Mediation”
 - “Mediation Clinic”

“Alternative dispute Resolution”: Foundational Skills for Christian ADR

“Alternative dispute Resolution” in the Workplace

- Azusa Pacific University, Adjunct Professor: “Entrepreneurial Negotiation” (2018-2019)
- Founder/Executive Co-Chair for “Korea Law Center”, University of California, Irvine, School of Law (2009-2011)
- Special Academic Faculty for “Survey of the U.S. and Korean Law and Legal System”, University of California, Irvine, School of Law; “Jurist-in-Residence” University of California, Irvine, School of Law (2009-2011)

Professional Experience (Past/Present)

- ADR Services, Inc., Arbitrator and Mediator (2010-2022) :19000 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 550, Irvine, CA 92612
- California Superior Court, San Diego County, Mediator (2012-2020)
- Orange County Human Relations and Waymakers, Senior Mediator (2010-present)
- The State Bar of California Mandatory Fee Arbitration, Arbitrator; Los Angeles County Bar Association, Attorney-Client Mediation and Arbitration, Arbitrator and Mediator (2011-present)
- Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, Arbitrator (2015-present)
- Private Practice in Orange County, California since 1984

Education

- Juris Doctorate Degree, 1983: Western State University, College of Law, Fullerton, California (Selected for Jessup International Moot Court)
- Bachelor of Arts in Economics, 1980: University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Professional Accomplishments/Training

- Admitted in the California State Bar, 1984
- Admitted in U.S. Court of International Trade, 1985
- Orange County Bar Association College of Trial Advocacy (Civil), 1990
- National Litigation Academy (2003 and 2006)
- Advanced Mediation Training (2009 and 2012)
- Peacemaker Ministry Training (2013)
- Juvenile Dependency Mediator (Approved by the Judicial Council of California, 2020)

Awards

- The State Bar of California Board of Governors Award for Pro Bono Services (1989)

- The Wiley Manuel Award Recipient for Pro Bono Services (1993)
- Alliance Defense Fund for Pro Bono Services (Honor Guard) (2005)
- OC Human Relation Award of Appreciation for Pro Bono Mediation Services (2012-2019)
- The 9th Overseas Special Proficiency Test of Korean History by the National Institute of Korean History (2018)

Professional Associations and Memberships (Former/Present)

- Orange County Korean American Bar Association, Inaugural President (2005-2006);
Honorary Director and Advisor (2006-present); 2018 US-Korea Law Day at KIA, Coordinator(2017-Present)
- U.S.-Korea Law Foundation, Chair (2011-Present)
- California State Bar Association Section Executive Committee Member (2001-2002)
- Korean American Bar Association of Southern California (Ethics Committee Chair and also Liaison Officer for Orange County (1988-1994)
- Orange County Bar Association, Intellectual Property Section, International Law Section (1984-1989)
- Orange County Trial Lawyers Association (1987)
- Orange County Amicus Publico (1986)
- Los Angeles County Bar Association, Intellectual Property/Entertainment Section (1990)
- American Trial Lawyers Association (1989)
- Los Angeles Trial Lawyers Association (1989)
- California Trial Lawyers Association (1989)
- American Bar Association (1984-1988)
- Transportation Lawyers Association (1996)
- Maritime Law Association of the United States (1995)

Languages

- English and Korean
- Studied Chinese (Mandarin) and German

Publications

- Author: Laws of Korea, an 850-page legal textbook on Korean law. The book is in English, with three previous editions (2013, 2015 and 2016). It is published in print and available online at Amazon.com [Laws of Korea\(2015\)](#)
- Author/Editor in-Chief: U.S.-Korea Law Journal (2012, 2013, 2004) [US-Korea Law Journal](#)
- Author: "Enforcement of Foreign Judgment in Korea," published by the California State Bar Association (2000)
- Editor/Translator: "Enforcement of U.S. Arbitral Awards in Korea," authored by Judge Jang Yong-Beum and published in the U.S.-Korea Law Journal (2012)
- Author: "The Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Korea: With Focus on the U.S. Matters," originally authored by Judge Jang Yong-Beum in 2012 and published in Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal (2015)
- "U.S. Law Story", 286 pp in Korean (1996)
- Author: "ADR -- Alternative Dispute Resolution", a pamphlet(2013; "What Should I Know Before I Rent(Korean)", a California State Bar pamphlet (1991); "The Korean Law Update", a weekly newsletter(1996-1997); "Commercial Leasing", a pamphlet(1991); "Debtor's Rights: Exemptions from Enforcement of Judgment", a pamphlet(1991); "The Law & Faith"; "Jus Gentium", a newsletter(1994);; and "Estate Planning for Today and Tomorrow", a 70-page booklet (2004)
- A Weekly Columnist for U.S. Today, KGBC (Korean Gospel Broadcasting) (October 2011-October 2012)
- "It's OK to Say Merry Christmas", a letter to editor, Irvine World News (2006)

Speech

- "Small Claims Court Procedure for Mediators" (2014, Orange County Community Service)
- "Mediation for Intellectual Properties Dispute Resolution"(2015, Korea Trade Promotion Agency)
- "Is "Mediation in Korean Communities Emerging?" (2015, Pepperdine Law School)
- "Alternative Dispute Resolution in the U.S."(2012, Ministry of Justice, Korea)
- "How Much Does Litigation Cost You?"(2012, Trinity Law School)
- "History of the Korean Constitution"(2011, UC Irvine Law School,)
- "Working with Korean Clients: The Nuances to Watch"(Orange County Korean American Bar Association)
- "U.S. Judges v. Korean Judges"(2010, International Association of Women Judges)
- "Think Globally, Practice Locally"(2013, San Diego Korean American Bar Association)
- "International Injustice and Good News"(1997, California State Bar Association)
- "International Law Practice"(1997, Chapman Law School)

- “Korean Law Practice in the U.S.”(2012, Korea Legislature and Research Institute))
- ”Legal Development Affecting the Conduct of U.S.-Korea Business Transactions”(2016, Orange County Bar Association)
- “Drinking Cultures: Korean Business Practice and You”(2017, Asian-Pacic American Bar Association in Inland)