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Heechul Ahn majored in physics at Postech and graduated from Seoul National University School of Law. Since then, he has gained work experience in various areas, such as startup, corporate, financial, and real estate advisory, and also with civil and criminal transfers at various law firms. He is currently a partner and head of the Policy Center at DLG.

Leading on from his experience advising a number of startups, venture capitalists (VCs), and startup planners (accelerators), Heechul Ahn published "Startup Law Guide 2. 0" (co-authored by Mr. Ahn and others, Park Young-Sa) in 2018, and "Investment Agreement Guidebook" (co-authored by Mr. Ahn and others, DLG/Startup Alliance) in 2022.

Throughout his career, Mr. Ahn has become a mentor for many associations, which include but are not limited to the following: The Korea Angel Investment Association, Korea Accelerator Association, Korea Startup Promotion Agency, SBA Seoul Economic Promotion Agency, AI Yangjae Hub, Seoul Fintech Lab, Korea Information Security Industry Association Information Security Cluster, Asan Sharing Foundation MARU180, Korea Intellectual Property Information Center, National Science and Technology Workforce Development Institute, and Young Entrepreneurs. At these centers, Mr. Ahn is currently advising, mentoring, and conducting lectures in order to cultivate the next generation of startup-related organizations.

As an advisory member of the Seoul Smart City Leaders Forum, he provides all-encompassing advice on the forum, and for four years, he has been actively involved in the disclosure of information by administrative agencies through taking the role of a judge on the Seoul Information Disclosure Review Board. Additionally, in recognition of his expertise in bioethical policy regulation, he has served as a member of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Seoul National University Hospital, Ajou University Hospital, and the National Military Capital Hospital in Bundang.

As the head of the Startup Legal Support Team at DLG, he provides direction on startup policies and works with related organizations to create a healthy startup ecosystem.

He is also actively involved in the management of international film festivals as he is a member of the board of directors for the Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival, one of Korea's three largest international film festivals.

In addition to advising and litigating cases for startups, he is also active within prominent areas of the technology sector, such as blockchain and ICT.

In 2021, he was selected as a finalist for the Korea Law Awards, Young Lawyer Of The Year (9 people) by Asia Legal Business (ALB), Asia's leading legal publication, and in 2022, he was named a Rising Stars Lawyer by Legal Times. In 2023, he was awarded the Accelerator Industry Specialization Contribution Award by the Korea Accelerator Association and was selected as one of the 100 Next Generation Leaders by the Sisa Journal.

Education

Pohang University of Science and Technology B.A.
2011

Seoul National University Law School, J.D. (4th Annual Bar Examination)
2015

Experience

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Member, Ajou University Hospital, Korea
National Military Medical Center, Seoul National University Bundang
Hospital
2016-2019

Board Member, Bakkum Corporation
2016-2020

Committee Member, TIPS Program Investment Committee
Legal Counsel, Korea Business Angels Association
2016-present

Auditor, Hay Startup Corporation
2018-present

Legal Counsel, Seodaemun District Council
2019-present

Counsel, ICT regulatory sandbox at Ministry of Science and ICT
2020-2021

Director, Korea Child Safety Committee
Member of the Bucheon International Fantastic Film Festival Organizing
Committee
Head of Team, Startup Legal Support Team
2020-present

Advisory Board Member, Ministry of Justice Startup Legal Education
Platform
2021-2022

Auditor of Digital Healthcare Partners
Advisory Attorney, Korea Accelerator Association
2021-present

Startup counsel, Korea Tourism Organization Enterprise Support Center
Asan Nanum Foundation Maru 180 Mento
Information Protection Cluster Advisory Committee, Korea Information
Protection Industry Association
Seoul Fintech Lab Mentor
AI Yangjae Hub Mentor
Auditor, Bitsensing Corporation
2022-present

2023 Seoul Smart City Leaders Forum Advisory Board Member
2023

University Senator, Pohang University of Science and Technology
Startup Mentor, Pohang University of Science and Technology
Advisory Board Member, Biolcore Business Unit
Member of the Advisory Board, Changchang (Entrepreneurship Program)
Jeollabuk-do
Head of Policy Center, DLG Law Group
2023-present

Korea Business Angels Associate Executive Director
Member of the Legal Advisory Board for the Department of Small Business
and Entrepreneurship's Startup Online Legal Assistance Program
Outside Director of H Energy, Inc.
Compliance Officer, Investment Review Committee of the Agri-Food
Investment Fund of the Agricultural Policy Insurance and Financial Service
Member of Jeonbuk Venture Investment Board
2024-present

Qualifications

Admitted to bar, Korea
2014

Tax Attorney, Korea
2019

Practice Areas

Mobility
Aerospace/Drone
Startup/VC
Intellectual Property
General corporate/M&A
Litigation
Real Estate/Construction



Awards

Privacy Information/Big Data

Global Business

NAEK Next Generation Leader, Korea Advanced Institute of Engineering and Technology
2007

Grand Prize, 2nd National Assembly Legislative Research Center Legislative and Policy Proposal Contest
2011

Certificate of Appreciation from the Mayor of Seoul
2020

Korea Law Awards Young Lawyer Of The Year Finalist, ALB
2021

Rising Stars, Legal Times
2022

Awarded by the Minister of SMEs and Startups (for activating angel investment)
2022

Certificate of Appreciation, the Korea Association for Child Support Resolution
2023

Accelerator Industry Specialization Award, Korea Accelerator Association
2023

100 Next Generation Leaders, Sisa Journal
2023

Languages

Korean, English