

## LAWASIA Member Organisation – Annual Jurisdictional Report 2022

### 1. A brief summary of 4 key events and activities undertaken by our organization in the past 12 months.

Name / Date of Activity	Details of activity
Started public platform service of 'My Lawyer'	Due to the influx of external capital and power into the legal market in addition to the development of IT technology, as private platforms for commercialization are popping up in Korea, various problems that hinder the public nature of lawyers and legal business have been raised. In order to proactively respond to these problems, protect the value of the legal profession, and provide accurate and transparent lawyer information to the public, we jointly developed a lawyer information center with the Korean Bar Association. Officially, we launched the legal platform service 'My Lawyer' in April 2022. Through our own platform, members can promote themselves free of charge without additional advertising or brokerage fees, and users can also easily access information about lawyers based on trust through the verification of the Bar Association.
Promotion of professional liability insurance	In order to ensure that members can work in a more stable work environment, the association took the initiative in setting up a professional liability insurance system. By taking out 'professional liability insurance' in the form of group insurance with our association as a policyholder and each practicing member as the insured, we accept applications from members who want insurance and support insurance free of charge. With compensation for damages to a third party pursuant to the lawyer's legal liability for damages and defending charge required for the decision as a coverage, the association supports insurance with the compensation limit of 100 million Korean Won(about 90,000 US dollars) per accident.

Judicial police evaluation system	<p>Our association is trying to arrange an institutional strategy to guarantee the rights of lawyers. In order to improve the trial process, we have implemented the judicial evaluation system since 2008 and contributed to the establishment of a fair trial culture. Moreover, we expanded it to the scope of authority granted to investigative agencies, the judicial police evaluation system finally has introduced and implemented in 2021.</p>
Member-only group chat room	<p>We opened a group chat room exclusively for members using 'KakaoTalk', a Korean mobile messenger, to provide a channel for communication.</p> <p>Members participating in the group chat room can check the latest legal issues and job protection activities along with various business-related support and information on association affairs updated every day. As of October. O. 2022, the number of members participating in the group chat room is 0000, and we plan to expand it through continuous promotion in the future.</p>

**2. Details of pending issues faced by our organization that we wish to share with LAWASIA and other member organizations.**

Controversy over revised Patent Attorney Act	<p>The revised bill of Patent Attorney Act, allowing patent agent power of attorney on patent-trademark-design without degree of law school and passing the bar exam, has recently been passed on Legislation and Judiciary Committee at National Assembly in Korea.</p> <p>Representing lawsuits is like representing comprehensive rights of filling of a suit, defense such as submitting evidences and examining witnesses, and appealing. Giving a non-lawyer, who has never passed the bar exam or got systematic legal education, is against the purpose of law school and Civil Law system, so It's likely to cause great confusion in practicing law</p> <p>There are barely any countries which allow the representation</p>
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	<p>of lawsuits to non-lawyer who has less expertise and ability of legal knowledge and performance of litigation. And patent agent is already carrying out independent right of Intellectual Property Tribunal's invalidation procedures.</p> <p>So, we'd like to listen to LAWASIA and other organizations' opinions on above issue of representing lawsuits by all the other non-lawyers.</p>
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**3. Joint projects requiring assistance and support from LAWASIA and other member organizations.**

<p>Proceeding connected activity about Korean lawyers' overseas employment</p>	<p>Seoul Bar Association would like to introduce the opportunity of overseas employment and gather related information to promote Korean lawyers to go to the overseas. By associating with LAWASIA and other LAWASIA members' organization, and if there is any members organization or related law firm who need to recruit Korean lawyers, we would like to give our information and have a contact channel or a joint program to introduce Korean lawyers who wish to be hired at the overseas.</p>
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