



JURISDICTIONAL REPORT: LAWASIA COUNCIL MEETING

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LAWASIA Member Organisation – Annual Jurisdictional Report 2022

Korean Bar Association Annual Jurisdictional Report 2022

1. Please provide a brief summary (up to 100 words per item) of up to five (5) key events and activities undertaken by your organisation in the past 12 months.

Name / Date of Activity	Details of activity
Mentoring opportunity via an online community, “We are Lawyers” (November 2021)	<p>In order to provide opportunities for young lawyers to learn from senior lawyers, a community called “We Are Lawyers” has been organized and is held online once a month. It provides;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opportunity for senior lawyers working in various sectors to share their own experience and knowledge as lawyers and communicate freely with other lawyers,- Communication chances for lawyers to freely make inquiries and share different thoughts freely, allowing young lawyers to receive various know-how from senior lawyers, share their concerns, and find a solution
Launch of “My Lawyers” online service (March 2022)	<p>As part of an effort to resolve difficulties faced by lawyers due to limited face-to-face meetings and digitalization, the Korean Bar Association (“KBA”) launched “My Lawyer” in March 2022, an IT-based platform where lawyers can promote and advertise themselves within the bounds of laws and regulations. “My Lawyer” features;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Free membership and top-rated exposure service in a fair manner for all members- Providing opportunities for members to efficiently inform themselves to the potential clients- Providing opportunities for clients to review trustworthy information on lawyers and find the best lawyer for them, resulting in greater access to lawyers for the general public
Safety Measures for Lawyer Members (Since June 2022)	<p>Against the violence and terrorism against lawyers, such as the tragic arson incident in Daegu, on 9 June 2022, the KBA has strongly taken safety measures to support and protect lawyers as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Conducted “Survey on the Actual Situation of Threats to the Safety of Lawyers” to figure out the current status of threats against lawyers (June 2022)- Held “Forum for Prevention against Retaliatory Violence Against Legal and Medical Personnel” in the National Assembly, to raise public awareness and seek a prevention system (1 July 2022)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signed an MoU with self-defensive item companies to offer lawyers benefits such as offering special price, application for permission to possess, and maintenance of self-defensive items (7 July 2022)
Legal Job Protection Against Quasi-Legal Profession	<p>The KBA has actively opposed to attempts of quasi-legal professions to infringe on its own duties, which are mainly for obtaining power of attorney through legislative activities as below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Against the revised Tax Agent Act, which restricts the 'bookkeeping and faithful report verification work' of lawyers qualified as Tax Agent, the KBA filed a constitutional complaint against the revised act (30 December 2021) - Against the Patent Agent Act, which allows patent agents with significantly less legal knowledge and litigation capacity to serve as attorneys in civil litigation, the KBA held <i>Symposium on the Unconstitutionality of Patent Agents' Joint Litigation Representation</i> (24 May 2022), in order to examine unconstitutionality and problems of the amendment. - Against the amendment to the Enforcement Decree of the Certified Labor Agent Act, which includes the Act on Punishment of Serious Accidents in the work scope of labor agents, the KBA made a "Review Opinion on the Enforcement Decree of the Certified Labor Agent Act" arguing that it may cause inconsistency with the current legal system and distributed it to lawyers nationwide (18 August 2022)
Effort for Effective Protection for Stalking Crime Victims (September 2022)	<p>On 9 September 2022, the KBA issued a statement to urge the implementation of the 'Victim Protection Order System' and the 'Conditional Release System,' in response to stalking crimes which become more and more brutal.</p> <p>In the statement, the KBA pointed out that the current Stalking Punishment Act only stipulates the punishment of the perpetrator and emergency measures (by the police), but does not state a procedural system in which victims directly request personal protection from the court.</p> <p>Due to this blind point, stalking crimes are not reduced, and even tend to become more ferocious along with dating murder. The statement claimed that, to effectively protect victims from stalking crimes, it is necessary to actively devise safety measures depending on the cases, such as 1) psychiatric treatment and counseling 2) attachment of electronic location tracking devices to the stalker 3) deployment of guard personnel to protect victims from additional crimes.</p>

2. Please list any items requiring assistance/support from LAWASIA and other member organisations (e.g. statements/ research/pro bono/joint events/joint projects etc.).

1	<p>Terrorism and violence against legal profession are recognised as serious issues in Korea. Not only to protect the safety of lawyers, but to secure the stability of high-quality legal services, it cannot be overemphasized to stress the lawyers' safety. <u>In this regard, the KBA wishes to have a supportive statement from LAWASIA to urge the significance of ensuring the safety of legal profession.</u> The KBA attaches a statement saying, "We express our deep condolences to the victims of the arson attack at the law office in Daegu and appeal for a mature sense of citizenship to realize the true rule of law," (9 June 2022) for the LAWASIA's reference.</p>
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