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## PROFILE

AHN, Hong Ik (Dawson) is a co-founding partner of JKLA (Baekkyung) and the Director of JKLA ESG Center, where he handles litigation and advisory work across ESG, administrative, criminal, maritime, corporate, and labor law practice areas. His work focuses on ESG risk management, compliance, and governance advisory tied to corporate social responsibility and sustainable management; prevention of and response to administrative regulations; and prevention of and response to corporate-activity offenses. He also advises on maritime-collision matters and compliance issues arising under fisheries-industry regulations.

Beginning his career as a Public-Service Advocate at the Korea Legal Aid Corporation, he has conducted a wide range of litigation across more than 14 years of practice. Rather than treating each matter as a binary win-or-lose contest, he works to identify the resolution path that delivers real, substantive value to the client and guides the engagement toward that outcome.

More recently, he has been deepening his capabilities in domestic and international arbitration as well as in corporate risk management, compliance, and anti-corruption practice.

## EDUCATION

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| Mar 2024 — Aug 2026 | **M.B.A.**<br>Graduate School of Business Administration, Dong-A University |
| Nov 2022 — Feb 2023 | **Executive Education — Sustainable Capitalism & ESG**<br>UC Berkeley Law |
| Jan 2021 | **The Winter Courses on International Law**<br>The Hague Academy of International Law |
| Mar 2012 — Aug 2014 | **Completion of Ph.D. (Law) Coursework**<br>Graduate School, Pusan National University |
| Mar 2009 — Feb 2012 | **J.D.**<br>School of Law, Pusan National University |
| Mar 2007 — Feb 2009 | **Master of Law (International Law)**<br>Graduate School, Pusan National University |
| Mar 2001 — Feb 2007 | **Bachelor of Law**<br>College of Law, Pusan National University |

## EXPERIENCE

**Co-Founding Partner & Director of ESG Center** — Apr 2021 — Present
Jung, Kims, Lees & Ahn (Baekkyung) · Busan

**Auditor** — Mar 2026 — Present
Busan Fish Market Co., Ltd.

## EXPERIENCE CONT.

**Member of the Board** — Jun 2025 — Jun 2026
Busan Cultural Center Foundation

**Managing Attorney** — Apr 2017 — Apr 2021
Serin, Attorneys at Law · Busan

**Associate Attorney** — Jul 2015 — Apr 2017
Asung (Busan Branch) · Hyunseung

**Public-Service Advocate** — Jul 2012 — Jun 2015
Korea Legal Aid Corporation · Ministry of Justice

## PUBLICATIONS

"Capital Markets Act Precedents and the Materiality Standard in Sustainability or ESG Disclosure."
*Pusan National University Law Review*, vol. 66, no. 3 (issue 125) · Aug 2025 · Institute for Legal Studies, Pusan National University.

"The Legal Control of Insufficient Disclosure in ESG or Sustainability Disclosure."
*Pusan National University Law Review*, vol. 64, no. 3 (issue 117) · Aug 2023 · Institute for Legal Studies, Pusan National University.

"Adoption of Treaties into the Legal System of the Republic of Korea — Classification and Domestic Legal Status of Treaty."
Master's Thesis · *Graduate School, Pusan National University* · Feb 2009.

"The Impact of Corporate AI Orientation on ESG Performance."
Master's Thesis · *Graduate School of Business Administration, Dong-A University* · Aug 2026.

## CERTIFICATIONS

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|---|---|---|---|
| MAR 2025 | **Certified Risk Manager** — Exemplar Global | SEP 2023 | **Associate Certified Sustainability Assurance Practitioner** — AccountAbility |
| SEP 2023 | **Certified Sustainability Professional** — GRI | APR 2023 | **ESG Finance & Economy Specialist** — Korea Financial HRD Institute |
| SEP 2022 | **FKI ESG Expert** — FKI International Management Institute | JUN 2022 | **Certified Specialist in Administrative Law** — Korean Bar Association |
| DEC 2017 | **Certified Tax Accountant** — Ministry of Economy and Finance | JUL 2017 | **Certified Specialist in Criminal Law** — Korean Bar Association |
| NOV 2016 | **Maritime Adjudication Advocate** — Korea Maritime Safety Tribunal | JUL 2015 | **Patent Attorney** — Korean Patent Attorneys Association |
| MAR 2012 | **Attorney-at-Law** — Korean Bar Association | | |

## ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES

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| 2026 — | Case Review Committee<br>· Busan Regional Public Prosecution Service |
| 2026 — | Information Disclosure Review Committee<br>· Busan Metropolitan City Office of Education |
| 2025 — | Sports Fair-Play Committee<br>· Busan Kumdo Association |

## ACTIVITIES & COMMITTEES CONT.

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| 2025 — | Startup Legal Advisory Panel<br>· Ministry of SMEs and Startups |
| 2024 — | Assembly & Demonstration Advisory<br>· Busan Dongbu Police Station |
| 2023 — | ESG Management Advisory<br>· Busan IT Industry Promotion Agency |
| 2023 — | ESG Special Committee<br>· Korean Bar Association |
| 2023 — | Disciplinary Committee<br>· Dongnae Fire Station |
| 2022 — 2026 | Minor Offense Review<br>· Busan Dongbu Police Station |
| 2021 — 2023 | Teacher's Rights Protection<br>· Baejeong High School |
| 2021 — | Police Investigation Review<br>· Busan Metropolitan Police Agency |
| 2020 — 2021 | Investigation Objection Review<br>· Busan Metropolitan Police Agency |
| 2018 — 2022 | Grievance Review<br>· Busan Fire Service Academy |
| 2018 — | International Committee<br>· Busan Bar Association |
| 2017 — 2020 | Legal Aid Commissioner<br>· Korea Legal Aid Corporation, Busan Dongbu Branch |
| 2016 — 2022 | Assembly & Demonstration Advisory<br>· Busan Dongbu Police Station |

## LANGUAGES

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| KOREAN | Native | ENGLISH | Working proficiency |