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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 D'Light.

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, D'Light/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 D'Light, 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, D'LIGHT Law Group  
2023-present

Korea Business Angels Associate Executive Director  
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  
Privacy Information/Big Data  
Global Business

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## Awards

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

Korean, English

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## Languages