Overseas Guests of the Court



Name: HAN Kyu-Hyun Position: Chief Judge, Intellectual Property High Court of Korea

Chief Judge HAN Kyu-Hyun was appointed as a judge in 1994. Since then he has presided over a wide range of civil, criminal, and administrative cases as a presiding judge at courts of all levels, such as the Seoul Central District Court, the Seoul High Court, and the IP High Court. A highly skilled and respected judge, he has demonstrated exceptional competence in both judicial practice and court administration. He is known for delivering well-reasoned and persuasive rulings, carefully considering the arguments of all parties, and ensuring fairness and trust in his decisions.

An esteemed expert in intellectual property law, HAN earned his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from Korea University School of Law, his Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Intellectual Property Law from Korea University School of Law, and completed the Ph.D. coursework in Intellectual Property Law at Korea University's Graduate School.

For four years from 2004, he worked as a research judge in intellectual property law at the Supreme Court of Korea. For many years since then he has handled numerous IP cases at Suwon District Court, the Seoul Central District Court, and the IP High Court. In 2015, as the Senior Presiding Judge of the IP High Court, he pushed the court's initiative to establish itself as a global IP hub.

He also served as the President of the Intellectual Property Law Society, a group of judges, for two years from 2018. He has published numerous papers on patent law, copyright law, trademark law, and design law, and authored several books on intellectual property law.



Name: Klaus Grabinski Position: President, UPC Court of Appeal

Dr. Klaus Grabinski is President of the Court of Appeal and Chairperson of the Presidium of the Unified Patent Court since November 2022. Before that, he served on the German Federal Court of Justice's 10th Civil Division that has, inter alia, jurisdiction on patent litigation matters, including as the Deputy Presiding Justice of the Division. Prior to joining the German Federal Court

Deputy Presiding Justice of the Division. Prior to joining the German Federal Court of Justice in 2009, he held a number of judicial roles, including as a presiding judge of a patent litigation division at the Düsseldorf Regional Court and as a judge at the Düsseldorf Higher Regional Court.

He is co-author of a commentary on the European Patent Convention (Benkard, Europäisches Patentübereinkommen, 4th edition, 2023), a commentary on the German Patent Act (Benkard, Patentgesetz, 12th edition, 2023) and gives talks and takes part in panels at national and international conferences on IP matters. He was an external legally qualified member of the Enlarged Board of Appeal of the European Patent Office.



Name: Raymond T. Chen
Position: Circuit Judge, U.S.Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

RAYMOND T. CHEN was appointed by President Barack H. Obama in 2013. Judge Chen served as a Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law and Solicitor at the United States Patent and Trademark Office from 2008 to 2013. He was an Associate Solicitor in that office from 1998 to 2008. From 1996 to 1998, Judge Chen served as a Technical Assistant at the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Before joining the court staff, Judge Chen was an associate with Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear from 1994 to 1996. Judge Chen received his J.D. from the New York University School of Law in 1994 and his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from University of California, Los Angeles in 1990.