

Challenging Opportunities for Korean-American Attorneys

1. Social changes

The political and economic changes taking place in Korea and the world at large present challenging opportunities for Korean-American attorneys.

2. Three groups of Korean-American attorneys

- ① First Generation
 - `over the age of 40
 - `undergraduate education in Korea
 - `the language deficiency
- ② 1.5 Generation
 - `between the ages of 30 and 40
 - `mostly educated in the U. S
 - `fluent English speaking
- ③ Second Generation
 - `under the age of 30
 - `born in the States
 - `more Western than Korean

3. Attributes of Korean-american Lawyers and Their Advantages

- ① Proficient legal writing and analytical skills and good professional training
- ② The American spirit and attitude
- ③ Knowledge of foreign languages
- ④ Advantage of their status as U. S. citizens or permanent residents
- ⑤ No mandatory military service in the U. S.

4. Impact of Korean-American Lawyers in Korean Legal Community

`The outcome of the pending Uruguay Round on Service
the expansion of the practice of Korean-American attorneys

5. Women Lawyers

`As a role model for Korean women

6. Prospect for Korean-American Lawyers

Several areas of law practice which may be of particular interest to the Korean-American attorney

- ① The areas of securities, finance, real estate and landlord-tenant law
the government's liberalization in capital investment
- ② Personal injury and related negligence suits freedom to travel abroad
- ③ Patent, trademark, copyright, computer software or entertainment
- ④ Immigration practice



- ⑤ Corporate in-house counsel positions
- ⑥ The opportunities created by the newly developing relationship with socialist or communist countries
- ⑦ Politics and journalism

7. Some Suggestion and Recommendations

Advice to Korean-American attorneys

- ① To make conscious effort to study Korean
- ② To continue to study about Korea and Korean people
- ③ To learn additional Asian languages
- ④ Other advice