

Member in the Spotlight

Jin Kim was born in Seoul, South Korea as a first boy after two girls. He enjoyed skiing with a ski made of bamboo by himself on the hill near his house in winter time when there was snow. He was a thin and timid boy in 6th grade, so he started to learn Korean martial arts, specifically Taekwondo in the 7th grade when he was 13. After almost 8 years of learning, at age 21, as a freshman, he had opportunity of teaching Taekwondo to US Army soldiers/families at a military base in Seoul after class. Jin enjoyed this extra activity for more than 5 years. It also provided him with an excellent environment to learn English and to study in America.



Jin didn't know anything about the paralegal programs until Fall of 2016. He was a mechanical engineer in Korea until 1979 and studied for Electrical engineering as a freshman in 1980 in the US. He returned to Korea in 1987, came back to US in 2003, became a licensed painting contractor & general contractor in since 2006, worked for painting companies as a store manager & sales rep until 2017, and helped a Korean contractor until 2018.

Jin's path into the legal profession happened after he met a Korean customer, who said that he became a Legal Document Assistant "LDA" when he was working at a paint store as a sales representative in 2017.

Jin had his Will and Trust generated through an online legal service and found out that due to incorrect formatting, the Will and Trust was invalid. He decided to learn how to properly draft the documents himself by taking "Will Drafting and Basic Estates" and "Legal Analysis" classes at West Valley College "WVC" in 2016. Jin is taking one more course (Law Office Management) to finish the certificate at West Valley College.

Jin is currently working at DAO and completed an internship with the company before he was hired as a part time employee. He spends more than 20 hrs./week doing the Bates stamping of pdf files and he creates discovery letters for defense attorneys.

Jin has been happy to meet SCCoLPA officers, vendors, & members and he learned more about cultures of legal fields in bay area. He appreciated everybody who celebrated his birthday at the Open House last month.