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## **A mock trial will be held to discuss desirable directions for the mobility industry as a part of the third round of 'regulatory breaking.'**

MSS held a mock trial to gather insights on enhancing safety and innovation in the mobility industry

**Sejong, September 4** - The Ministry of SMEs and Startups (Minister LEE Young, hereinafter referred to as MSS) held a mock trial on 'regulatory breaking' in the mobility industry at Yonsei University School of Law on August 28.

MSS has hosted the 'regulatory breaking' sessions, catering to entrepreneurs, startups, and small businesses facing challenges due to regulations. The sessions have been attended by startups, SMEs, jurors, and experts.

The third round of 'regulatory breaking' was held under three themes: 'Are used EV batteries future resources or just garbage?', 'Visual information not learnable by artificial intelligence (AI),' and 'Hydrogen ships that cannot float in the sea.' Due to the complexity of related legislation and regulations, the regulatory breaking session was held as a mock trial to help understand the public.

Professors CHO Inyoung (former chief judge) and PARK Jungnan (former prosecutor) of Yonsei University School of Law served as the judge and prosecutor, respectively. Attorneys KIM Hoo-Gon KIM (Law Office LawVax, former Seoul District Attorney), KOO Tae Eon (Law Office LIN), and Kyeong Kidong (Bae, Kim & Lee LLC.) defended three cases in a mock trial. Additionally, three startup representatives with core mobility technologies were served as defendants.

In the first case, the question being asked was whether used EV batteries could be considered as future resources or were they just garbage. The case involved a startup that recycled used

EV batteries to create energy storage devices. Unfortunately, the company violated the Waste Control Act by storing the used batteries for more than 30 days due to supply and demand issues with subsidiary materials. Whether used electric vehicle batteries are considered waste has become a significant issue.

The "visual information not learnable by artificial intelligence (AI)" is the case where the Personal Information Protection Act was violated when a delivery robot learned facial information to understand passers-by's intention to ensure safety and prevent accidents while driving autonomously. A dispute arose regarding whether facial recognition data should be considered sensitive information and if AI learning constituted personal information processing.

The "hydrogen ships that cannot float in the sea" case involved the penalization of a small hydrogen vessel that was unable to undergo a shipbuilding inspection because it was physically unable to meet the standards for hydrogen fuel cell bulkheads.

The mock trial aims to expose the dissonance between new technologies and current systems. It also provided an opportunity to reflect on recent institutional issues in the mobility industry. The sentencing date has been set, but no verdicts have been reached.

PARK Dong-jin, Dean of Yonsei University Graduate School of Law, attended the mock trial and stated, "All stakeholders, including companies, government, experts, and the public, need to collaborate in order to achieve successful deregulation. I hope that the 'regulatory breaking' of MSS can be an opportunity to discuss the future of technology and the direction of our laws and institutions."

Minister LEE Young of SMEs and Startups stated, "The responsibility of the government lies in eliminating obstacles for companies in emerging industries to operate freely. Furthermore, it involves establishing a conducive environment that meets global standards to enable these companies to compete with their foreign counterparts in the global market." She added, "We will continuously make efforts toward deregulation that can ensure safety and innovation, driven by public consensus."