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Tae Young Lee is currently a senior patent attorney in Shin & Kim's Litigation Practice Group, focusing on patent trial and litigation as well as related technical evaluation and counseling in the chemical and pharmaceutical industries.

Ms. Lee joined the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) in 1996 after receiving her Ph.D. degree from Seoul National University and served as the director of the Patent Examination Division and the PCT International Search & Preliminary Examination Division, a patent judge of the Intellectual Property Trial and Appeal Board, a national litigation officer, and a patent examiner in various technical fields such as chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and environmental technology. She also served as a technical examiner at the Korean Patent Court, where she gained unparalleled expertise in patent applications, rights, and litigation in the fields of chemistry, pharmaceuticals, and environmental technology industries. She has also taught patent education at KAIST Graduate School of Intellectual Property and various universities and research institutes in Korea and participated in R&D projects such as national R&D projects and other patent mapping projects.

Ms. Lee has represented and counseled clients in patent disputes in various industries and has provided technical advice on patent applications for securing rights to inventions and IP management strategies for companies. She is also a member of the Steering Committee of the Korea Patent Law Society, a member of the Patent Trial Quality Evaluation Committee of the Intellectual Property Trial and Appeal Board, a member of the SME Technology Dispute Mediation Committee, and a member of the Committee for Mediation of Disputes over Industrial Property Rights of the Korea Intellectual Property Office.

Professional Career

2016-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2015-2016	IP-ONE Intellectual Property Law Firm
2013-2015	Director, PCT International Search & Preliminary Exam. Division, KIPO

2012	Director, Convergence Technology Exam. Division, KIPO
2010-2011	Professional Technical Examiner, Patent Court of Korea
2010-2011	Adjunct Professor, KAIST Master Program of Intellectual Property
2007-2009	Senior Administrative Patent Judge, KIPT
2005-2007	Senior Patent Examiner, Fine Chemistry Exam. Division & Environmental Chemistry Exam. Division, KIPO
2003-2005	Administrative Judicial Scholar and Administrative Solicitor, KIPT
2002-2003	Quality Reviewer, Examination Quality Assurance Division, KIPO
1996-2001	Patent Examiner, Inorganic Chemistry Exam. Division & Pharmaceutical Chemistry Exam. Division, KIPO

Professional Affiliations

2025-Present	Member of Committee for Mediation of Disputes over Industrial Property Rights, Korean Intellectual Property Office
2021-Present	Intellectual Property Advisory Group, Korea Trade Commission
2021-Present	Intellectual Property Advisory Group, Korea Battery Industry Association
2021-Present	Woman Entrepreneur Ambassador Group
2017-Present	Member of Advisory Committee, Korea Intellectual Property Tribunal
2017-Present	Member of Mediation and Arbitration Committee on Seoul High Court and on Ministry of SMEs and Startups
2017-2019	Vice President/Member of Training Institute Steering Committee, Korea Patent Attorneys Association

Key Experience

- Represented a Korean cosmetics company in air cushion patent dispute
- Represented a Korean chemical materials company in patent dispute against BASF
- Represented a Korean pharmaceutical company in patent dispute against other pharmaceutical companies over mosapride, cilostazol, and levodropropizine drugs
- Represented client in patent dispute over inventions related to drugs such as tadalafil, sitagliptin, mirabegron, apixaban, dapagliflozin, linagliptin, everolimus, mycophenolate, diquafosol, and pelubiprofen against Boehringer, Astellas, Merck, BMS, and Santen, etc.
- Represented Gilead Science in patent dispute against ViiV Healthcare over a HIV treatment drug
- Advised a foreign pharmaceutical company on patent and technical analysis on a cell immunotherapy drug
- Represented a client in patent dispute involving biomaterials and natural extracts
- Advised a client on patent analysis and technology development of battery materials such as separators and

electrolyte solution

- Represented a Korean developer of electronic materials in patent dispute against 3M
- Represented a client in patent dispute over display light-emitting materials and device technologies
- Advised a client on registration plans for patent applications in the fields of pharmaceutical substances, battery materials, and display materials
- Represented and advised clients in appeals and requests for cancellation of rejections of patent applications

Education

2014	KAIST Graduate School of Future and Strategy, Advanced National Future Strategy Program
1996	Seoul National University, Graduate School of Natural Sciences (Ph.D. in Chemistry)
1990	Seoul National University, Graduate School of Natural Sciences (M.S. in Chemistry)
1988	Seoul National University, Department of Chemistry Education (B.S.)

Qualifications

2002	Admitted to patent bar, Korea
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Languages

Korean, English

Professional Activities

- Determination of whether compounds are disclosed or easily derived (Korea Patent Law Association, 2022)
- Debate on cases of determining inventive step based on reasonable expectation of success of medicinal use inventions (Korea Patent Law Association, 2020)
- Shin & Kim LLC - Seoul Technical Center-Europe Patent Office Joint seminar, presentation of topics related to medical invention (2017)
- Case Study on the Enablement Requirements of Patent Descriptions (Korea Patent Law Society, 2013)
- Study on Decision Types of the Cases having Correction during Invalidation Trial of Patent (Korea Patent Law

Society, 2010)

- Studies on New Arene Manganese and Chromium complexes: Syntheses and Reactivities (Ph.D. Theses, 1996)

Awards

2008 Best TQM Presentation Award, Korean Intellectual Property Office

2002 Best Examiner Award, Korean Intellectual Property Office

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