



## Dong-Hwan Lee

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Mr. Dong-Hwan Lee is a patent attorney at Shin & Kim. Mr. Lee manages filings, trials, and litigation related to patents, trademarks, and designs, covering cases both domestically and internationally.

Working with leading patent and IP law firms, he has successfully handled domestic and international cases across diverse technical fields, including electronics, telecommunications, power control, image processing, and UI/UX. He is particularly adept at managing complex IP infringement disputes.

Notably, Mr. Lee possesses a distinguished career background as the first Patent Attorney to be specially recruited as a Special Professional Officer by the Supreme Prosecutors' Office in 2020. During his tenure at the Suwon District Prosecutors' Office, he provided expert investigations and consultation on high-profile cases involving technology leaks (industrial technology and trade secrets) and IP-related crimes.

In addition to his practice, Mr. Lee frequently lectures on intellectual property and technology protection at various corporations and universities. He currently serves as an advisor to the Korea Trade Commission (MOTIR) and as a public defender for the Intellectual Property Trial and Appeal Board (IPTAB).

## Professional Career

2026-Present	Shin & Kim LLC
2023-2026	Adjunct Professor, Hanyang University ERICA Startup Education Center
2022-2026	Managing Patent Attorney, Chawon IP Law Firm
2020-2022	Specialist Prosecutor, Anti-Corruption & Serious Crimes Division, Supreme Prosecutors' Office
2015-2020	Minwho Law Firm
2012-2015	MAPS Patent Firm

2011-2012          Halla Patent Firm

### **Professional Affiliations**

2026-Present          Member of the Police Investigation Review Committee, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency

2025-Present          Member of the Intellectual Property Advisory Group, Trade Commission, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Resource

2024-Present          Member of the Legal Support Team, Korea Startup Forum

2023-Present          Court-appointed Patent Attorney, Patent Trial and Appeal Board

2023-Present          Member of the Legal Support Team for Technology Protection, Ministry of SMEs and Startups

2023-Present          Member of the Technology Protection Support Team, Seoul Intellectual Property Center

2023-Present          Review committee member for New Product (NEP) Certification, National Institute of Technology and Standards

2024                    Court-designated Patent Attorney, Patent Court

2022-2025            Specialist member, Industrial Security Expert

## **Key Experience**

### **Trade Secrets & Technology Protection**

- Consultation on Trade Secret Security Systems: Established internal security frameworks for medical device and cosmetic companies.
- Advisory on Overseas Technology Leakage: Handled cases involving semiconductor cleaning equipment and supercritical fluid technology.

### **IP Dispute Resolution & Advisory**

- Utility Model Dispute Counsel: Case regarding MagSafe-compatible mobile accessories.
- Mediation of Patent Infringement: Case regarding medical relay equipment.
- Advisory on Patent Infringement: Case regarding floating humidifiers.
- Patent Invalidation Action & Infringement Counsel: Cases regarding trampolines.
- Patent & Design Dispute Advisory: Cases regarding swine farm ventilation systems.
- Patent & Design Infringement Counsel: Case regarding tape dispensers.
- Patent Invalidation Action & Infringement Advisory: Cases regarding mobile communication technology.
- Patent Invalidation Action & Infringement Advisory: Cases regarding website building platforms.
- Patent Invalidation Action & Infringement Advisory: Cases regarding accommodation booking services.

- Design Infringement Counsel: Case regarding toddler desks.
- Design Invalidation Action: Case regarding ceiling lights.
- Trademark Infringement & Invalidation Actions: Disputes involving scented candles, cosmetics, and mobile applications.
- FTO (Freedom-to-Operate) Analysis: Advised on industrial robots and autonomous mobile robots (AMR).
- FTO (Freedom-to-Operate) Analysis: Advised on forgery detection technology.

### Employee Invention Compensation

- Counsel on Compensation Claim: Case regarding Samsung Electronics washing machines.
- Counsel on Compensation Claim: Case regarding vacuum packaging technology.
- Counsel on Compensation Claim: Case regarding sludge drying processes.

### IP Prosecution

- Patent Prosecution: Domestic and international filings in electronics, telecommunications, power control, image processing, and UI/UX.
- Trademark Prosecution: Domestic and international filings for franchises, pharmaceuticals, mobile applications, and mobile accessories.

## Education

2024	POSTECH, Executive Education Postgraduate Program for AI
2022	Korea National Open University (LL.B.)
2011	Hanyang University (B.E., Electronics, Telecommunications and Computer Engineering)

## Qualifications

2022	Industrial Security Expert, Korea
2022	Technology Transfer Agent, Korea
2010	Admitted to patent bar, Korea

## Languages

Korean, English

## Awards

2024 Commendation from the Minister of SMEs and Startups (Technology Protection)

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