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Mr. Dong-Hwan Lee is a patent attorney in the IP Group at Shin & Kim. Mr. Lee primarily provides advisory services on disputes relating to intellectual property (IP) and trade secrets, and handles trials and litigation involving patents, trademarks, and designs.

Mr. Lee passed the Korean Patent Bar Examination in 2010. Since then, working at patent firms and IP-specialized law firms, he has handled domestic and international filings, trials, litigation, and freedom-to-operate (FTO) analyses across diverse technical fields—including electronics, telecommunications, power control, image processing, and UI/UX—building extensive experience in responding to various 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 Invalidation and Scope Confirmation Trials: 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 employee invention compensation for washing machine debris-filtering technology.
- 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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