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Kwanwoo Lee is a registered patent attorney who secures and protects intellectual property rights for major corporations in the electrical and computer technology fields. Mr. Lee has extensive knowledge in a wide range of areas including computer systems, software design, and related technologies.

Practices

- Patent Prosecution
- IP Litigation
- Design Patents

Industries

- Electrical & Computer Technologies
- Automotive & Transportation
- Insurance & Financial Services
- Industrial & Mechanical Technologies

Representative Experience

Drawing on his electrical engineering background and experience, Mr. Lee manages patent portfolios and prepares and prosecutes patent applications for technologies directed to:

- 4G and 5G standards
- E-commerce systems
- Mobile applications and data management
- Internal combustion engines and turbochargers
- Insurance and financial services
- Vehicle navigation
- Security, encryption, and decryption
- Image processing
- Semiconductors

In these technology areas, Mr. Lee has worked for clients securing patent protection in the United States and foreign jurisdictions, considering issues related to patentability and freedom-to-operate, counseling clients on infringement matters, performing portfolio due diligence, and participating in patent litigation.

Background and Credentials

Prior to his legal career, Mr. Lee worked at Accenture, where he gained extensive experience in software development and software project management.

Mr. Lee received his J.D., with a Certificate in Intellectual Property Law, from Chicago-Kent College of Law. While attending law school evening classes, he worked at a full-service international law firm as a full-time patent agent, providing patent prosecution services to Fortune 500 companies. Mr. Lee also served as a submissions editor of the *Journal of Intellectual Property*, drafted patent applications for under-resourced inventors under the Chicago-Kent Patent Hub pro bono program, and was selected as a Chicago IP Colloquium Fellow. He earned CALI awards for the highest grade in Software Patents, Legal Writing III, and Legal Analytics.

Mr. Lee received his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While completing his undergraduate studies, he worked as an engineering intern at a start-up company to develop software related to speech recognition technology.

Education

- Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology (J.D.)
- University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (B.S.)
 - Electrical Engineering

Bar Admissions

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
- Illinois
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Publications and Presentations

- "USPTO 2019 Patent Eligibility Guidance and PTAB Updates," CLE Presentation, Co-Presenter, June 13, 2019.

Community and Professional Involvement

- Asian American Bar Association of Chicago, Board of Directors
- Intellectual Property Law Association of Chicago (IPLAC), Member
- Korean American Bar Association of Chicago, Member
- Lawyers for the Creative Arts, pro bono
- Wills for Heroes Foundation, pro bono