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Terry Taehong Kim is a Chief Managing Partner of Lee International IP & Law and is leading the Patent Department, handling patent cases in the fields of electronics and mechanics for Western and Asian clients. Before entering the legal profession, he spent three years at the Aerospace Research Institute of Korean Airlines Inc. as a research engineer. He performed structural tests and analyses for Korean Airlines' light airplane model development project.

Since joining Lee International IP & Law in 1994, Mr. Kim has been involved in preparing and prosecuting patent applications (primarily in mechanics and electronics) before the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO). He also has extensive experience in preparing appeal briefs and attending oral arguments/hearings before the Intellectual Property Trial and Appeal Board (IPTAB) of KIPO and the Intellectual Property High Court. He has advised numerous multi-national companies, including U.S. and European IT and materials companies, on Korean patent prosecution and infringement cases. He performed due diligence on the strength of patent portfolios and successfully handled numerous patent litigation matters. For example, he successfully represented a U.S. company against the largest Finnish manufacturer of paper fabrication machines in a very complex patent opposition case, and a Japanese company against a Korean company manufacturing beauty salon hair dryer in a complex patent infringement lawsuit and related invalidation trial.

Mr. Kim is also familiar with U.S. patent law practice, having studied intellectual property law at the Franklin Pierce IP Law Center at the University of New Hampshire in the U.S. and practiced as a foreign legal intern at Baker & McKenzie in New York. He studied aeronautical engineering and received B.S. and M.S. degrees at Seoul National University. Additionally, he received a Master's degree in electronic communication from Hanyang University in Seoul.

Practice Area

• Filing patent applications, trials, lawsuits and analysis in the fields of machinery, metal and electronics on behalf of clients from the U.S., European countries and Japan

Experience

- Lee International IP & Law (1994~Present)
- Operating Director, Korea Patent Attorneys Association (KPAA) (2007~2008)
- Publishing Director of Executive Committee, Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) Korea Group (2003~2005)
- Member of Standing Committee, Korea Patent Attorneys Association (KPAA) (2003~2004)
- Foreign Intern, Baker & McKenzie, New York, U.S. (2000)
- Research Engineer, The Aerospace Research Institute of Korean Airlines Inc. (1990~1992)

Education

- Hanyang University (M.S., Electronics and Telecommunications, 2009)
- University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce IP Law Center, U.S. (M.I.P., 2000)
- Seoul National University (B.S. & M.S., Aeronautical Engineering, 1987 & 1989)

Qualifications

- Corporate technology rating agencies (2007)
- Admitted as a Korean Patent & Trademark Attorney (1994)

Membership

- Korea Patent Attorneys Association (KPAA)
- International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys (FICPI)
- International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI)
- Korea Valuation Association (KVA)
- Korean German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KGCCI)
- European Chamber of Commerce in Korea (ECCK)
- Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA)
- Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)

Publications / Presentations

- Electronic Communication Standard Patents and Countermeasures (2009)
- Study on Interpretation of Patent Claims including Well-known Technology (1996)
- Study on Rejection Grounds in relation to Multiple Claims (1995)
- Experimental Study on Expendable Small Jet Engine (1990)

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• Languages : Korean, English

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