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Ms. So Young Lee is a partner in the IP & Technology Group, and mainly advises and represents clients in IP/ICT and R&D issues. While providing advice and representation to the leading entertainment, ICT, and media companies in Korea, she has covered legal issues related to the media, ICT and entertainment industry, such as copyright and IP right, personal information, and FinTech.

Ms. Lee is one of the few attorneys in Korea who has provided advice and representation on legal issues related to national R&D projects, such as sanctions including restriction on participation, royalty, fraud and misconduct in research, trade secret infringement, and joint cross-border research. She has also been involved in various projects and committees to reform laws, regulations and systems related to national R&D projects.

Ms. Lee is also actively engaged in alleviation and reformation of the regulations by participating in various committees and giving advice on matters such as reformation of the existing administrative regulations, enhancement of the legal system, and granting of regulatory exceptions especially in the areas of science and technology which does not have an established legal system yet, such as autonomous driving and artificial intelligence, as well as new industries such as the sharing economy.

Education

1998	Yonsei University (LL.B.)

Experience

2014-Present	JIPYONG LLC
2026-Present	Member, Policy Advisory Committee, National Research Foundation of Korea
2026-Present	Member, Subcommittee on Government Subsidy Fraud Review, Ministry of Planning and Budget
2026-Present	Mediator, Open Data Mediation Committee
2025-Present	Civilian Member, Regulation-Free Special Zone Committee
2024-Present	Legal advisor, Korea AeroSpace Administration
2023-Present	Member, Sanction Evaluation Team, Institute for Information & Communication Technology Planning and Evaluation
2015-Present	Auditor, The Hope Institute
2015-Present	Member, R&D Project Assessment Committee for Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy, and Ministry of Science, ICT and Future Planning
2023-2025	Member, Information and Communication Strategy Committee under the Prime Minister's Office
2023-2025	Auditor, Innovation Academy
2023-2025	Civilian Member, Deliberative Committee of Special Cases on Industrial Convergence Regulation, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
2022-2024	Civilian Member, Ethical Management Committee, Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology
2022-2024	Sanction Evaluation Team on Healthcare Technology Research and Development, Korea Health Industry Development Institute
2022	Member, R&D System Improvement Committee, Ministry of Science and ICT
2021-2023	Member, Sanction Review Committee, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
2021-2023	Advisor, Gyeonggi-do Artificial Intelligence Policy Advisory Group
2020-2024	Auditor, Next-Generation Smart Semiconductor Board
2020-2023	Civilian Member, Committee on Artificial Intelligence Legislation, Ministry of Science and ICT
2020-2021	Legal Counsel, K-New Deal Task Force, Ministry of Economy and Finance
2020	Director, Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology
2019-2021	Expert Advisor, Local Policy Subcommittee, SME Policy Council, Ministry of SMEs and Startups
2019-2021	Civilian Member, Regulation Reform Committee, Ministry of Science and ICT
2019-2021	Consultant on Legal System for Regulation-Free Special Zone Designation Plan, Ministry of SMEs and Startups
2019-2021	Civilian Member, Expert Committee on Regulation Exceptions, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy
2019-2021	Civilian Member, Positive Administration Support Committee, Ministry of Science and ICT
2019-2021	Member, Regulation-Free Special Zone Deliberation Committee, Ministry of SMEs and Startups
2018-2021	Chairperson (11th and 12th), Defamation Dispute Mediation Division, Korea Communications Standards Commission
2018-2021	Member, Korea Communications Standards Commission
2017-2022	Legal Counsel, Ministry of Science and ICT
2014-2015	Member, Legal System Subcommittee, Female R&D Resources Employment Forum

2011-2014	Korea Evaluation Institute of Industrial Technology
2010-2011	Lecturer, Graduate School of Mass-Communication of Chung-Ang University
2008-2017	Instructor for Copyright, Korea Copyright Commission
2006-2008	Advisor, The Hope Institute
2005	Advisor, Digital Contents Distribution Council
2004-2011	Partner, JIPYONG
2002-2004	Associate, Wuhyun Law Firm Partner
2000-2002	Judicial Research and Training Institute, Supreme Court of Korea

Honors and Recognitions

2026	Commendation from the Minister of Science and ICT (In recognition of contributions to vitalizing the commercialization of new technologies) [Group Commendation]
2019, 2023-2026	Leading Lawyer in Intellectual Property Practice, Legal Times
2019, 2021-2022	Leading Lawyer in TMT Practice, Legal Times
2021	Commendation from the Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy (for the contribution to Pohang earthquake aid work)
2020	Commendation from the Minister of Science and ICT

Speaking Engagements and Publications

2020. 6.	Blockchain and the Law: The Rule of Code (co-translated), Miraebook
2013. 6.	Review of Regulation System for National R&D Projects, Legislation, Issue 660
2011	Lecture on 'Copyright E-Learning for Game Industry Workers', Copyright Academy, Korea Copyright Commission
2007	Specification of Scope of Victims in Defamation by Press Report, Rule of Media and Law, Parkyoungsa

Bar Admissions & Qualifications

2002	Korea

Languages

Korean / English

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