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Lee “cuts to the chase” and uses Dorsey’s resources to practically solve his clients’ intellectual property related problems.

Lee is known for his commitment to his clients’ success. Quoting one client, *IAM Patent* reports that he “takes a deep interest in clients’ products and offers practical and commercial solutions rather than legal theory”, which sums up Lee’s approach to client service. Spending almost 20 of his 25 years at Dorsey as Head of Dorsey’s Patent Group has allowed Lee to gain invaluable insight into not only the Patent and Intellectual Property groups, but, just as importantly, Dorsey’s other practice groups. He also experienced first-hand the value of good teamwork, a commitment to excellence, and the importance of listening, learning and educating in both client and internal Dorsey relationships. As a result, Lee is fortunate to have the opportunity to maintain and develop client relationships over a long period of time, some for over two decades.

The four areas in which Lee focuses his practice include:

1. Analyzing and resolving intellectual property risks associated with product commercialization;
2. Early-stage enforcement and defense of intellectual property rights, and follow-up together with Dorsey IP litigators if needed;
3. Patent prosecution, portfolio growth and management strategy, and commercialization efforts; and
4. Due diligence relating to mergers and acquisitions.

Because Lee’s clients are international, so is his practice. He assists clients with their IP in the above-mentioned four areas across the United States as well as in Europe and China. Some of the world’s best known global companies in the retail travel products, consumer fitness, health care and medical products, home furnishing goods, and manufacturing, industrial, and environmental processes and equipment industries rely on him for his ability to provide comprehensive, global advice. Technologies he enjoys

Education

- University of Denver College of Law (J.D., 1993)
- Colorado State University (BSME, 1988)
 - Pi Tau Sigma, Engineering Honor Society

Bar Admissions

- Colorado
- United States Patent and Trademark Office

include manufacturing and industrial automation and related systems, mechanical and related control systems, and environmental technology.

While Lee's personal legal practice is focused on intellectual property, his clients know him best for his high service standards, and his Dorsey colleagues know him for his cooperative spirit and for leadership. In addition to leading the Patent Group, Lee has served as the head of Dorsey's Denver office, served on Dorsey's Management Committee (2003 to 2007), and on the Policy Committee (2018 to present; Co-Chair 2019 to 2021). The internal Firm relationships he has developed while serving in these roles allows Lee to match his clients with the best legal talent in all the practice areas Dorsey has to offer.

Lee enjoys remaining close to innovation where possible. He designs and implements invention disclosure programs, and provides educational material and presentations for clients when helpful.

Lee worked as a semiconductor fabrication engineer at Honeywell, Inc. and ATMEL Corp. prior to becoming an attorney, which allows him to have a business perspective to the legal issues his clients face.

Court Admissions

- Federal District Court of Colorado

Professional Affiliations

- Member, Colorado Bar Association, IP section
- Member, American Intellectual Property Law Association
- Member, Licensing Executives Society

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Intellectual Property, Colorado, 2009-2026
- *Best Lawyers in America*®, 2007-2026
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Patent Litigation, Patent Law, Denver, 2026
- *IAM Patent 1000*, "World's Leading Patent Professionals," 2012-2013, 2019-2026
- *IAM Global Leaders*, 2020-2025
- *Managing IP*, IP STAR, 2013-2025
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Patent Law, Technology Law, Denver, 2020, 2024
- *Best Lawyers*® *Lawyer of the Year*, Litigation - Intellectual Property, Denver, 2016, 2024
- *5280 The Denver Magazine*, Top Lawyer in Denver, Intellectual Property: Patent, 2015-2017, 2020-2023
- *Colorado Super Lawyers*®, 2010-2022
- *Law Week Colorado*, "Best Intellectual Property Lawyer (non litigator)" in Barrister's Best 2015
- *Colorado's Corporate Counsel Black Book*, Intellectual Property Transactions, 2007
- *Denver Business Journal*, 40 under 40, 2004

Select Presentations

- “Ethics in the IP Practice,” CLE International, Denver, January, 2004
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Insights

December 23, 2021

Achieving Marketplace Advantage With Targeted Design Rights

August 4, 2021

Outmaneuver the Competition With Accelerated Patent Prosecution

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