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With both prosecution and transaction experience, Kerry Lee helps clients protect their intellectual property and commercialize it.

Kerry Lee brings a rare combination of patent prosecution depth and technology transaction experience to clients in the semiconductor, software, and medical device sectors. She prepares and prosecutes patent applications across a wide range of technologies—including computer memory, machine learning, and medical devices—and manages international patent portfolios with particular focus on filings and prosecution in China, Korea, Japan, and Europe. Kerry Lee also advises clients on patent strategies related to standard essential patents.

Beyond prosecution, Kerry Lee drafts and negotiates the agreements that allow clients to put their intellectual property to work. Her technology transactions practice covers intellectual property licenses, software licenses, software-as-a-service (SaaS) agreements, research and collaboration agreements, and domestic and international distributor and sales agreements. She also supports due diligence for intellectual property in corporate transactions and advises on open-source licensing compliance.

Kerry Lee's background in university technology transfer informs a distinct area of her practice: supporting clients who receive government funding or collaborate with research institutions. She advises on agreement structures for those relationships and guides clients through compliance with the Bayh-Dole Act, which governs inventions arising from federally funded research.

Select Experience

Featured Matters

- Advised a leading semiconductor manufacturer on compliance and risk management issues arising from participation in industry standard-setting organizations, including

Education

- University of Washington School of Law (J.D.)
 - Graduated with Honors
- Keio University Law School in Tokyo, Japan (Exchange Student)
- University Of Massachusetts At Lowell (M.B.A., Finance)
 - Beta Gamma Sigma
- Boston University (M.S., Biomedical Engineering)
 - Dean's Fellowship
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute (B.S., Biomedical Engineering)
 - Graduated with High Distinction, Presidential Scholarship

Bar Admissions

- United States Patent and Trademark Office

interactions between in-house counsel and engineering representatives involved in technical committees. Analyzed applicable standards policies, legal requirements, and litigation-related considerations, and provided strategic guidance that enabled informed decision-making regarding the client's standards-essential patent portfolio.

- Counseled a medical software company on the commercial launch of its first FDA-approved product by drafting key customer-facing agreements and online terms, including a software-as-a-service (SaaS) agreement, privacy policy, and website terms of service. Coordinated with regulatory counsel to help ensure compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.
- Represented a medical device company in the intellectual property and technology licensing aspects of its acquisition of a U.S. startup. Identified critical patent and data licensing issues during due diligence and successfully renegotiated university license agreements to expand patent rights and secure data-use rights necessary for future product development, facilitating completion of the transaction.

- Washington

Accolades

- *Chambers USA*, Intellectual Property: Patent Prosecution, Washington, 2025-2026
- *Best Lawyers® Ones to Watch in America*, 2025-2026
- *Washington Super Lawyers®*, "Rising Stars," 2025-2026
- Contributed more than 50+ Diversity hours, 2023

Select Speaking Engagements

- *Licensing CLE Program: Bayh-Dole Licensing in 2026: March-in Risk, Compliance, and Drafting Considerations*, Washington State Bar Association IP (September 2, 2026)
- *IP Licensing & Tech Transfer at Universities - Featuring Japan and the U.S.*, Bay Area CHIZAI/NEDO Online Seminar (June 11, 2026)

Insights

August 1, 2024

Patent Office Publishes Subject Matter Eligibility Guidance