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Irene Lee is an associate and a member of Best Best & Krieger LLP's (BBK) Municipal Law practice group. She advises clients on contracts and policy matters. She also represents public entities and private clients through the various stages of litigation in state and federal court.

During law school, Irene was a core and advanced clinical student for the Community and Economic Development clinic at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. In this role, Irene assisted on issues related to small business and nonprofit development to improve local communities. She also served as a judicial extern for Judge Ronald S.W. Lew of the United States District Court for the Central District of California and as a legal intern at the Federal Trade Commission: Consumer Protection division.

Irene began her legal career as a summer associate at BBK in 2024. Outside of work, Irene enjoys outdoor runs, walks along the beach and hands-on hobbies, such as needlepoint and baking.

Professional & Community Involvement

- University of California, Irvine School of Law, Student Bar Association, President, 2023-2024
- Orange County Korean American Bar Association, Student Representative, 2022-2024

Thought Leadership

Publications

- "California Supreme Court Holds Government Claims Act Preempts Local Tax Refund Procedures," *PublicCEO*, Sept. 4, 2026

CORE PRACTICES

Municipal Law

Labor & Employment

Public Agency Litigation

Business Litigation

EDUCATION & ADMISSIONS

Education

University of California, Irvine School of Law, J.D.

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, B.S., business, summa cum laude

Bar Admissions

California