

Soo Lee-Cho



Soo Lee-Cho is a Principal of the firm and Co-Chair of the Land Development Practice Group. Ms. Lee-Cho's practice includes land use, zoning law, real estate development and administrative law. She assists a wide array of property owners and developers (both local and national) with securing necessary entitlements to develop their properties, including local map amendments, sketch/site plans, subdivision approvals, zoning text amendments, historic preservation, master plan recommendations, special exceptions/conditional uses and variances. She appears before administrative boards, commissions and elected officials, including the Montgomery County Council, the County Board of Appeals, the Office of Zoning and Administrative Hearings, various County agencies, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and the City Councils, boards and planning commissions of Rockville and Gaithersburg.

Ms. Lee-Cho represents firms from multiple sectors including multi-family, senior housing, affordable housing developers, real estate investment trusts (REITS), retailers, commercial and industrial landowners, private educational institutions, day care facilities, hospitals and churches. Representative clients include Quadrangle Development Corporation, Duball, LLC, JBG Rosenfeld Retail, Montgomery College, The Bullis School, Medstar Montgomery Medical Center and PNC Bank.

Ms. Lee-Cho's career spans 20 years, beginning with a municipal law and land development firm in Los Angeles, California, where her land use law practice focused on development impact review, California Environmental Quality Act compliance and entitlements procurement in connection with entertainment/sports and commercial development. She is a graduate of The University of California, Los Angeles (Bachelor of Arts, 1993) and The Loyola Law School (Juris Doctor, 1996).

PRACTICE AREAS

- Zoning
- Land Use Planning & Development

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Maryland
- California

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Bar Association of Montgomery County
- Maryland State Bar Association
- City of Rockville Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Advisory Committee, Member, 2011
- Rockville Science Center, Board of Trustees, 2009-present

EDUCATION

- Loyola Law School, J.D., 1996
- University of California, Los Angeles, B.A., 1993

HONORS & AWARDS

Urban Land Institute - Washington Regional Land Use Leadership Institute, Inaugural Class, 2011-2012

“I have enjoyed working with Soo on many levels. She is responsive, resourceful and proactive. In addition, she educated me on zoning, enabling me to be an active partner in the process.”

—Barbara Ship
President, Tilden Woods Recreation Association