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Partner

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Ko Wakabayashi is a partner with broad experience in international M&A and other cross-border corporate matters. He is fully-bilingual and has represented various overseas companies especially in joint venture, M&A and strategic alliance matters by focusing on efficiently managing and integrating not only legal but also multi-jurisdictional business and corporate cultural needs, especially in deal execution and post-merger integration (PMI) phases.

Practice Areas

Key Practice Areas

M&A	Private			
	Equity/Funds	M&A/Business Restructuring	Cross-border M&A	Joint Ventures
			Venture	
	Business Alliances	Hostile Takeovers	Capital	

Related Practice Areas

Corporate	Corporate and Commercial Transactions	Corporate Governance
	Shareholders' Meetings and Relationships with	
	Shareholders	Corporate Disputes
	Establishing a Business Presence in	
	Japan	
Government Investigations and Crisis Management	Internal investigations and organizing third-party committees	
Energy and Natural Resources		

Topics

Achievements Apr 18, 2024	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ • Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan™ (2025 Edition)
Achievements Feb 15, 2024	Chambers Global 2024
Achievements Jan 17, 2024	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024

Practice Groups

Corporate Transaction Group

Energy Practice Group

Corporate Crisis Management Practice Group

Background

Keio University

Columbia Law School (LL.M.)

Achievements

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Feb 15, 2024	Chambers Global 2024
Jan 17, 2024	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024
Dec 14, 2023	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2024
Sep 14, 2023	asialaw 2023-24
Jul 27, 2023	IFLR1000 2023
Apr 20, 2023	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ 2024
Feb 16, 2023	Chambers Global 2023
Jan 11, 2023	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023
Dec 15, 2022	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2023
Sep 19, 2022	IFLR1000 32nd edition (IFLR1000 2022-23)
Sep 16, 2022	Asialaw Profiles 2023
Apr 14, 2022	Best Lawyers 2023
Feb 18, 2022	Chambers Global 2022
Jan 13, 2022	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022
Dec 16, 2021	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2022
Sep 17, 2021	Asialaw Profiles 2022
Sep 13, 2021	IFLR1000 31st edition (IFLR1000 2022)
Apr 15, 2021	Best Lawyers 2022
Feb 19, 2021	Chambers Global 2021
Jan 13, 2021	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021
Dec 15, 2020	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2021
Oct 1, 2020	IFLR1000 30th edition (IFLR1000 2021)
Sep 17, 2020	Asialaw Profiles 2021
Apr 9, 2020	Best Lawyers 2021
Feb 14, 2020	Chambers Global 2020
Jan 20, 2020	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020
Dec 6, 2019	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2020
Sep 30, 2019	IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate 2020
Sep 19, 2019	Asialaw Profiles 2020
Nov 12, 2018	IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate 2019

Professional Admissions

Japan (2000)

Professional and Academic Associations

Tokyo Bar Association

Languages

Japanese English