

Anderson Mori & Tomotsune named Japan's Law Firm of the Year

Anderson Mori & Tomotsune has been named Japan Law Firm of the Year 2010 in the Who's Who Legal Awards.

With the benefit of over 12 years of independent research, Who's Who Legal used the thousands of nominations it has received from clients and private practice professionals to identify the leading firms and individuals in 31 practice areas, as well as the top firm in over 50 countries and five US states. The winners are to be formally announced in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2010*, a compendium edition of all the individual Who's Who Legal publications, which is released in July and covers 31 practice areas and over 100 countries.

Editor in chief Callum Campbell said, "In a highly competitive field, receiving the *Who's Who Legal* Japan Law Firm of the Year Award is an outstanding achievement. This is the first time Anderson Mori & Tomotsune has won the award, and the consistently positive feedback we received reflects its exceptional individual and collective talent. We have no hesitation in declaring it the leading firm in Japan."

Who's Who Legal lists only the leading practitioners in each field, based exclusively on the findings of an independent six-month research process. Partners from the firm received sufficient nominations from their clients and peers to be listed 18 times across 10 practice areas in the publication. Anderson Mori & Tomotsune had more practitioners included than any other firm in the country.

A list of the Anderson Mori & Tomotsune lawyers based in Japan featured in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* accompanies this release.

The awards are based on a number of factors, including the number of lawyers selected, the number of offices represented, general feedback received in the ongoing research process, past performance in the research and the overall aggregate number of weighted votes cast in their favour.

In addition to identifying the overall leading firm in more than 50 countries and five US states, the awards also recognise the leading firm and individual in each practice area.

The compendium edition is distributed free of charge to thousands of corporate counsel and private practice lawyers from around the world. The information is also available on www.WhosWhoLegal.com and is updated daily.

In 2008, Who's Who Legal was named the Strategic Research Partner of the ABA Section of International Law, in addition to its position as Official Research Partner of the International Bar Association. In 2006, Who's Who Legal's parent company Law Business Research was recognised by The Queen's Award for Enterprise in the area of international trade. These awards are the most prestigious a British company can receive.

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Anderson Mori & Tomotsune lawyers based in Japan featuring in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2010*

First Name	Last Name	Chapter
Shigeyoshi	Ezaki	Competition
Yoshimasa	Furuta	Commercial Litigation
Osamu	Hirakawa	M&A
Hideto	Ishida	Competition
Kazutoshi	Kakuyama	Management Labour & Employment
Tatsu	Katayama	Real Estate
Akira	Kawamura	Competition
Akira	Kawamura	M&A
Akira	Kawamura	Corporate Governance
Akiko	Kimura	Capital Markets
Masaakira	Kitazawa	Banking
Vassili	Moussis	Competition
Hiroshige	Nakagawa	Trade & Customs
Yusuke	Nakano	Competition
Takamiki	Nishikawa	Trade & Customs
Kenichi	Sadaka	Commercial Litigation
Isao	Shindo	Banking
Taisuke	Yamamoto	Franchise

Notes:

- Research for each practice area publication is conducted through conversations with private practice lawyers of repute in the practice area in question and in related fields, as well as with general counsel
- Subsequent telephone and face-to-face interviews are conducted internationally to permit the refining of the listing to a selection of between 100 and 600 lawyers who, by general agreement, are considered the pre-eminent lawyers in the field
- It is impossible to buy entry into this publication, only lawyers who have met independent international research criteria are listed
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2010 acts as a reference source for purchasers of legal services seeking to corroborate the reputations of expert lawyers recommended to them by another party
- Who's Who Legal aims to reduce the short-term costs incurred in finding a lawyer, but more significantly, to minimise the transactional expense and risk of receiving poor counsel

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