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Practice Areas

Corporate	Corporate and Commercial Transactions	Corporate Governance
M&A	M&A/Business Restructuring	
Finance and Financial Institutions	Financial	Real Estate Acquisition
	Regulation	Finance
Real Estate	Real Estate Transactions	
Intellectual Property/TMT	IP Licensing and Transactions	
Competition/Antitrust	Distribution and Other Competition Law Matters	
Dispute Resolution	International Litigation and Cross-Border Disputes	Alternative Dispute Resolution
	Franchise Disputes	
International Practice	Middle	
	Russia/CIS	East
Economic Security and International Trade		

Topics

Achievements Apr 18, 2024	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ • Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan™ (2025 Edition)
Achievements Apr 20, 2023	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ 2024
Achievements Apr 14, 2022	Best Lawyers 2023

**Practice Groups**

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Corporate Transaction Group

Dispute Resolution Group

**Background**

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1965	Kyoto Univeristy (LL.B.)
1986	Vice President, Daini Tokyo Bar Association
1998	Visiting Professor, Kyoto Univeristy (Faculty of Law, Apr 1998 - Mar 2002, Apr 2004 - Mar 2006)
2002 - Present	Outside Director, McDonald's Holdings Company (Japan), Ltd.
Apr 2004 - Mar 2006	Lecturer, Chuo Univeristy (Graduate School of Law)
2005 - Present	Registered Arbitrator, China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission (CIETAC)
Jan 2007 - Dec 2008	Secretary General, International Bar Association
2007 - 2017	Member of the Ethics Committee, The Japanese Cancer Association
Jan 2009 - Dec 2010	Vice President, International Bar Association
Jan 2011 - Dec 2012	President, International Bar Association
Mar 2013 - Jul 2021	President, Japan Association of Arbitrators
Jan 2014 - Present	Expert Panel, P.R.I.M.E Finance
2014 - 2017	Member of the Ethics Commission, International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF)
May 2016 - Present	Co-chair, Russia Japan Lawyers Council
Nov 2017 - Present	Member of World Athletics Disciplinary and Appeals Tribunal (August 2023 – Reappointed under new organization name)
2018 - 2020	Director, Japan International Dispute Resolution Center
2020 - 2023	Vice Chair-Advisory Board, Japan International Dispute Resolution Center
Aug 2021 - Present	Advisor, Japan Association of Arbitrators
Aug 2023 - Present	Chair-Advisory Board, Japan International Dispute Resolution Center

## Publications

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Newsletter Leaders League October 2012		Oct 2012
The Emergence and Evolution of Law Firms in Japan	Shoji Houmu	Nov 2011
A survey of current regulatory trends	Publication by International Bar Association, Financial Crisis Task Force	Oct 2010
Investing Across Borders 2010		Sep 2010
Interim Report: preliminary views on the financial crisis	Task Force on the Financial Crisis (April 2010)	Apr 2010
Premier Partner Profile		Feb 2006

## Lectures

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St Petersburg International Legal Forum		May 26 - 30, 2015
Annual Conference of the International Bar Association 2013	IBA (International Bar Association)	Oct 6 - 11, 2013
The Need for a Global Legal Profession		Apr 12, 2012
The Global Financial Crisis and the Legal Profession	Asialaw	Mar 18 - 19, 2009
Taking India into the Next Millennium	IBA (International Bar Association)	Mar 6 - 7, 2009
New focus of international business: Asia, the centre stage	IBA (International Bar Association)	Sep 17 - 19, 2008
International Competition Enforcement	IBA (International Bar Association)	Apr 20 - 21, 2005

## Achievements

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Apr 18, 2024	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ • Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan™ (2025 Edition)
Apr 20, 2023	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ 2024
Apr 14, 2022	Best Lawyers 2023
Apr 15, 2021	Best Lawyers 2022
Apr 9, 2020	Best Lawyers 2021
Apr 4, 2019	Best Lawyers 2020
Sep 1, 2015	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2015
Nov 20, 2014	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2015
Oct 30, 2014	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2014
Nov 13, 2013	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2014
Nov 30, 2012	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2013
Nov 15, 2012	Awarded the decoration of the Order of the Rising Sun in the 2012
Nov 15, 2012	Global Competition Review - Japan's competition bar
Jul 17, 2012	Best Lawyers 2012
Apr 6, 2011	The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers and Economists 2011
Dec 8, 2010	Legal 500 2010/2011
Sep 14, 2010	Best Lawyers 2010
May 6, 2010	The International Who's Who of Competition Lawyers and Economists 2010

## Professional Admissions

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Japan (1967)

## Professional and Academic Associations

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Daini Tokyo Bar Association  
International Bar Association  
Japan Association of Arbitrators  
Russia-Japan Lawyers Council

## Languages

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Japanese (first  
language)

English