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Annual Conference of the
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The Need for a Global Legal
Profession

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PUBLICATIONS Publications

European Lawyer Reference
"Corporate Governance"...

2013.10.01

Articles

Newsletter Leaders League
October 2012

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Media

The Emergence and Evolution of
Law Firms in Japan

2011.11.01

Books

CAREER

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

QUALIFICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION

LANGUAGES

Japan (1967)

Daini Tokyo Bar Association

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Japanese (first language)

English