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## Key Practice Areas

Mainland China

International Arbitration and International Mediation

Cross-border M&A

International Trade

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Akira Moriwaki's legal practice in China first began in 1998, back when doing so was still a relatively rarity amongst Japanese lawyers. He continued to practice in Beijing until 2007, during which time, he dealt with a large variety of legal issues encountered by Japanese companies then entering into the Chinese market. Although the main focus of his work continues to remain in China related business matters, since returning to Japan he has used his unique experiences to widen his areas of interest to include other Asian jurisdictions, such as Hong Kong, Taiwan, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Korea, Singapore and Myanmar. Akira is highly experienced in a wide range of fields, such as green-field direct investment into Asian jurisdictions, M&A, private equity and Competition law. Through over a decade of experience, he has come to be recognized as one of the foremost and most experienced Japanese lawyers in international trade issues, such as anti-dumping and countervailing duty. For over 3 years, Akira has provided invaluable support to Japan's ODA project relating to the promulgation of Chinese Company law, Competition law and other distribution regulations, and he was also involved in the promulgation of Tort Law of China.

Since 2009, he has been conducting lectures in Mandarin Chinese as a visiting professor at Renmin University of China (RUC) Law School.

In December 2012, he was ranked first in the "overall ranking" and second in the "companies choice ranking" under the Foreign Law division of the Nihon Keizai Shimbun "Most active lawyer of the year" awards.

## SERVICES

Practice Areas

Key Practice Areas

/ M&A

Cross-border M&A

/ Real Estate

Real Estate Transactions/Real Estate Investment

/ Life Sciences

Dealing with compliance issues and criminal investigations

/ Competition/Antitrust

Cross-border competition law

/ Dispute Resolution

International Arbitration and International Mediation

/ International Trade

/ International Practice

Mainland China

## Related Practice Areas

- Corporate  
Corporate and Commercial Transactions
- Government Investigations and Crisis Management  
Internal investigations and organizing third-party committees /  
Global compliance
- Dispute Resolution  
International Litigation and Cross-Border Disputes /  
Trade Secret Disputes
- Restructuring/Insolvency and Bankruptcy  
Liquidations / Withdrawal From Foreign Markets
- International Practice  
Taiwan / Hong Kong / Other ASEAN countries

## Industries

Insurance

Private Equity Fund

Transportation and Logistics

Telecommunication, Media, and Entertainment

IT, Internet and Security

Medical, Pharmaceutical, Healthcare, Life Science and Biotechnology

Automotive, Ship and Machinery

Chemical

Brand and Apparel

Electronics and Equipment

Consumer Product and Retail

Trading

Construction and Infrastructure

Hospitality and Gaming

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### PUBLICATIONS Publications

JFBA Committee News (Foreign  
Lawyers & International Legal...

2024.09.01

Articles

China's Digital Strategy and Law  
- The Current Location of...

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Books

Amendment to Rules and  
Regulations for Newly...

2021.09.01

Others

# CAREER

Mar 1992	Keio University (LL.B.)
Apr 1995	The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan, Joined Anderson Mori & Tomotsune
Sep 1998 - Sep 1999	Beijing Language and Cultural University (Language Training), China University of Political Science and Law (non-degree graduate course)
Oct 1999	Resume work at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune
May 2000 - Sep 2000	Worked for Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman (formerly Winthrop, Stimson & Putnam Roberts) (New York Office)
Oct 2000	Resume work at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune
Jan 2002	Became Partner of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune
Jun 2002 - Dec 2007	Appointed as Chief Representative of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune Beijing Office
Dec 2004 - Jan 2005	Adjunct Lecturer (Graduate School of Business Sciences, University of Tsukuba)
Jan 2007 - Feb 2007	Adjunct Lecturer (Graduate School of Business Sciences, University of Tsukuba)
Mar 2008	Adjunct Lecturer (Graduate School of Business Sciences, University of Tsukuba)
Jan 2009 - Feb 2009	Adjunct Lecturer (Graduate School of Business Sciences, University of Tsukuba)
Apr 2009 - Present	Visiting Professor, Renmin University of China Law School
Jul 2011 - Present	The East Asian Association of Insolvency & Restructuring    Japan Chapter    Board Member    Chapter Director
Sep 2013 - Present	Appointed as Chief Representative of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune Shanghai Office
Dec 2014 - Present	Appointed as Arbitrator, Shanghai International Economics and Trade Arbitration Commission (Shanghai International Arbitration Center)
Apr 2017 - Present	Part-time Lecturer, Keio University, Law School
Apr 2018 - Sep 2018	Part-time Lecturer / Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University
Apr 2020 - Sep 2020	Part-time Lecturer / Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University
Jun 2020 -	Vice-Chair, Committee on Foreign Lawyers and International Legal Practice, Japan Federation of Bar Associations
Oct 2020 -	Mediator, International Commercial Mediation Center for Belt and Road Initiative
Jan 2022 -	Arbitrator, Shanghai Arbitration Commission
Apr 2022 - Sep 2022	Part-time Lecturer / Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University

Apr 2022 - Mar 2023	Board member, Japan-China Investment Promotion Organization
Oct 2022 -	Panel of Expert Mediators, Shenzhen Futian Hetao International Commercial Mediation Center
Apr 2023 -	Member of the Counsel, Japan-China Investment Promotion Organization
Jul 2023 -	Shanghai Pudong New Area Committee    Shanghai Pudong New Area People's Government (Free-Trade Zone Management Committee) : Adviser
Apr 2024 - Sep 2024	Part-time Lecturer / Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Law, Kobe University
May 2024 -	CCPIT Shanghai International Commercial Mediation Center    Mediator
May 2024 -	Arbitrator of BAC/BIAC Eighth Committee
Aug 2024 -	JCAA    The Japan Commercial Arbitration Association    JCAA Panel Arbitrator

QUALIFICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL AND  
ACADEMIC  
ASSOCIATIONS

LANGUAGES

Japan (1995)

Daini Tokyo Bar Association  
International Bar Association  
Inter-Pacific Bar Association

Japanese (first language)  
English  
Chinese (Mandarin)