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Atsushi Yamada is a partner at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune focusing on competition/antitrust law. His practice covers all aspects of competition/antitrust law including assisting clients in investigations by competition authorities (cartels/dominance/unfair trade practices), representation in courts/tribunals challenging decisions made by competition authorities, follow-on civil litigation, and merger filings. He also provides advice relating to structuring new businesses and compliance programs. His clients include both multinational and Japanese companies in various industries, such as information technology, pharmaceutical, manufacturing, construction, transportation, financial institutions and trading houses.

Prior to joining Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, he has worked at the Tokyo office of a US law firm and a local Japanese firm after serving as a judge at the Tokyo District Court as well as other courts. With such background, he has extensive experience in litigation and general corporate matters. He is also well experienced in providing labor and employment law advice to both Japanese and non-Japanese companies.

Practice Areas

Competition/Antitrust

International Cartels and Leniency Dominance and other Unilateral Conduct Merger Control
Interplay of IP and Competition Law Distribution and Other Competition Law Matters

Dispute Resolution

Competition-Related Litigation Competition Compliance
General Commercial Litigation International Litigation and Cross-Border Disputes
Alternative Dispute Resolution

Government Investigations and Crisis Management

Government investigations Global compliance

Labor and Employment

Intellectual Property/Life Sciences/TMT

Topics

Articles

Nov 2021

Lexology Getting The Deal Through – Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2022 (Japan Chapter)

Achievements

Oct 9, 2021

Who's Who Legal: Japan 2021

External Seminars

Sep 10, 2021

Merger Control: Gamechanger or Dealbreaker?

Practice Groups

Competition Law Group

Technology & Information Practice Group

Corporate Crisis Management Practice Group

Life Sciences and Health Care Practice Group

Dispute Resolution Group

Background

Mar 1994

The University of Tokyo (LL.B.)

Apr 1998

The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of
Japan

May 2003

Cornell Law School (LL.M.)

Apr 2021

Adjunct Lecturer, Hitotsubashi University (School of Law), Antitrust Law

Publications

Lexology Getting The Deal Through – Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2022 (Japan Chapter)	Nov 2021
GCR Insight - The Asia-Pacific Antitrust Review 2021(Japan Chapter: Cartels) GCR Insight - The Asia-Pacific Antitrust Review 2021	Apr 2021
Lexology Getting The Deal Through - Dominance 2021 (Japan Chapter) Getting the Deal Through - Dominance 2021	Mar 2021
Lexology Getting The Deal Through – Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2021 (Japan Chapter)	Nov 2020
Legal Matters regarding Life Sciences and Health Care - Navigation regarding Regulations, Intellectual Properties and Corporate Matters (Second Edition) Shojihomu Co., Ltd.	Oct 2020
Getting the Deal Through - Dominance 2020 (Japan Chapter) Getting the Deal Through - Dominance 2020	Apr 2020
GCR Insight - The Asia-Pacific Antitrust Review 2020 (Japan Chapter)	Apr 2020
Getting the Deal Through – Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2020 (Japan Chapter)	Dec 2019
Getting the Deal Through - Dominance 2019 (Japan chapter) Getting the Deal Through - Dominance 2019	Apr 2019
GCR Insight - The Asia-Pacific Antitrust Review 2019 (Japan Chapter)	Apr 2019
Private antitrust litigation in Japan: overview Thomson Reuters Practical Law (online)	Apr 2019
Getting the Deal Through - Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2019 (Japan chapter) Getting the Deal Through - Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2019	Dec 2018
Legal Matters regarding Life Sciences and Health Care - Navigation regarding Regulations, Intellectual Properties and Corporate Matters Shojihomu Co., Ltd.	Sep 2018
Getting the Deal Through - Dominance 2018 (Japan chapter) Getting the Deal Through - Dominance 2018	Apr 2018
Recent Developments in Japanese Cartel Enforcement - Time for a Change? CPI Antitrust Chronicle	Oct 2017
Generic Entry and Reverse Payment Agreements - Special Feature Life Science and IP Houritsu-Jihou	Jul 2017
The Asia Pacific Antitrust Review 2017 - Japan: Cartels The Asia Pacific Antitrust Review 2017	Apr 2017
Getting the Deal Through - Dominance 2017 (Japan chapter) Getting the Deal Through – Dominance 2017	Apr 2017
A Snapshot of Japanese Competition Law Developments and What to Look for CPI Asia Column	Jan 2017
Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2017 (Japan Chapter) Global Competition Review	Nov 2016
Getting the Deal Through - Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2016 (Japan chapter) Getting the Deal Through - Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2016	Nov 2016
Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2016 (Japan Chapter) Global Competition Review	Nov 2015
Cartel leniency in Japan: overview Practical Law	Jan 2015
Restraints of trade and dominance in Japan: overview Practical Law	Jan 2015
Merger control in Japan: overview Practical Law	Jan 2015
A Brief Overview of Criminal Cartel Enforcement in Japan International Section Seasonal Meeting - Hanoi Vietnam	Oct 2013
Increased Enforcement of Antitrust Laws/Competition Laws in Various Jurisdictions - Recent Developments in the US and the EU Regarding Cartel Enforcement and the Current Status in Japan The Lawyers	Oct 2012

Lectures

Merger Control: Gamechanger or Dealbreaker? Bar Council Malaysia Corporate and Commercial Law Committee (CCLC)	Sep 10, 2021
Antitrust Issues in Digital Platform The Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA)	Jun 17, 2021
"Whatever Happened to Global Cartel Enforcement?" ABA (American Bar Association) Antitrust Law Section	Apr 21, 2020
Challenges in Cross-Border White Collar Criminal Investigations New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Global Conference 2019 New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)	Nov 7, 2019
Big Data and AI HKU-Lingnan-Florida Platform Competition Conference	Jun 24, 2019
Anti-Trust in Asia LAWASIA	Nov 3, 2018
Conflict of interests in representation during interrogation ICN Cartel Workshop	Oct 2018
Legal issues and challenges in the digital economy IBA (International Bar Association)	Oct 2018
The role of algorithms: cartel investigations in the era of artificial intelligence Global Competition Review	Mar 10, 2018
Achieving procedural fairness/due process in cartel investigations whilst maintaining efficiency and effectiveness ICN Cartel Workshop	Oct 2016

Challenges in applying monetary and non-monetary sanctions in international cartel investigations	ICN Cartel Workshop	Oct 2015
Interplay between criminal and civil cartel investigations in an increasingly criminalised cartel environment	ICN Cartel Workshop	Oct 2015
Dominance: Technology cases - The North Asia perspective	GCR Live Hong Kong	Oct 2015
Legal Issues on Evidence in Competition Law Cases	JFTC/UNCTAD Workshop for African Competition Agencies	Jul 2015
Due Process in Antitrust Investigation – From a Japanese Perspective	Taipei Bar Association (TBA)	May 2015
Features in Competition Case - from a view point of a judge	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	Jan 2015
Globalizing Corporate Risks and Need for New Risk Management Structures – Case Study on Common Pitfalls for Japanese Companies Regarding Global Risks	The Board Director Training Institute of Japan	Oct 6, 2014
How agencies seek to bring about cultural change in corporations	ICN Cartel Workshop	Oct 2014
The convergence of best practices in procedural fairness, and enforcement priorities – lessons for the ASEAN regulators	2014 International Conference on Antitrust Law Enforcement	Sep 2014
Antitrust in Innovation Markets	2014 International Conference on Antitrust Law Enforcement	Sep 2014
Enforcement Against International Cartels; NYSBA Building Global Partnerships and Opportunities in the New Asia – Vietnam and the USA as a Model for Growth and Success	NYSBA International Seasonal Meeting	Oct 2013
Sanctions on Individuals	ICN Cartel Workshop	Oct 2013
Problems on Enforcement Procedures of Antimonopoly Law	2nd Annual Anti-Monopoly & Competition Law Summit	May 2010

Achievements

Oct 9, 2021	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2021
Apr 15, 2021	Best Lawyers 2022
Sep 1, 2020	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2020
Apr 9, 2020	Best Lawyers 2021
Nov 29, 2019	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2019
Apr 4, 2019	Best Lawyers 2020
Nov 7, 2018	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2018
Nov 2, 2017	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2017

Professional Admissions

Japan (2005)
New York (2013)

Professional and Academic Associations

Tokyo Bar Association
Japan Competition Law Forum
American Bar Association
New York State Bar Association
International Bar Association
Inter-Pacific Bar Association

Languages

Japanese (first language)
English