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Kanako Watanabe is working for various corporate matters in Japan and overseas with a focus on domestic and cross-border restructuring and insolvency cases, corporate and commercial transactions and M&A cases. She is also well experienced in government investigations and crisis management cases.

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Corporate Reorganization & Civil Rehabilitation

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Cross-Border Restructurings

Liquidations

/ Corporate

Corporate and Commercial Transactions

Corporate Governance

/ M&A

M&A/Business Restructuring

/ Government Investigations and Crisis Management

Global compliance

Related Practice Areas

• Dispute Resolution

Civil and Commercial Disputes (General)

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- Telecommunication, Media, and Entertainment
- Medical, Pharmaceutical, Healthcare, Life Science and Biotechnology
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- Consumer Product and Retail

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2024.04.24

Articles

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Others

CAREER

Mar 2004	Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan (Bachelor of Social Sciences)
Mar 2007	Hitotsubashi University, Graduate School of Law (Juris Doctor)
2007 - 2008	The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
Apr 2015	Graduate study, University of Virginia (LL.M.)
Oct 2016 - Jun 2017	Associated with Mayer Brown LLP, New York

QUALIFICATIONS

Japan (2008)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION

Tokyo Bar Association

LANGUAGES

Japanese (first language)

English