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Kei Akagawa (Mr.) is specialized in dispute resolution (litigation, arbitration and out of court dispute resolution, including international dispute resolution). He is experienced in the various aspects of dispute resolution that arise in connection with corporate, including consumer related matters.

In particular, he constantly engages in disputes concerning M&A transactions, Finance transactions, IT matters, Internet issues, Energy transactions, Real Estate transactions, Product Safety issues, Labor issues and Tax issues in Japan and overseas.

### Practice Areas

#### Dispute Resolution

General Commercial Litigation      International Litigation and Cross-Border Disputes  
Labor and Employment  
Alternative Dispute Resolution      Disputes  
Tax Litigation and Dispute Resolution      Administrative Disputes      Product Liability Disputes  
Real Estate Dispute  
Financial and Securities Dispute Resolution      Resolution  
Corporate Scandal Related Securities and Other Civil Litigation      Companies Act related Disputes  
Estate and Business Succession Dispute  
Resolution      Consumer-related Disputes  
Insurance Related Disputes      IT Related Disputes      Trade Secret Disputes  
Energy and Natural Resources

#### Government Investigations and Crisis Management

Litigation      International Arbitration  
Internal investigations and organizing third-party committees  
Quality control, product liability and product fraud

#### Labor and Employment

Labor and Employment  
Disputes      Labor Unions      Harassment      Severance Matters  
Executive (Board Members and Auditors)

#### Tax

Issues

#### International Practice

Tax Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Newsletters  
Jan 2024

Dispute Resolution Group Newsletter - Subrogation of damage claims in Japan - Considerations in the context of the Haneda aircraft collision

Articles  
Dec 2023

Litigation 2024 (Japan Chapter) - Law and Practice

Articles  
Dec 2023

Dispute Resolution in Germany – Reform of German Arbitration Law - Trends in Dispute Resolution Overseas (40)

Practice Groups

Dispute Resolution Group

Tax Law

Labor Law

Background

Mar 2000	The University of Tokyo University (LL.B.)
2002-2003	The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
Sep 2009 - Mar 2010	Associate with Herbert Smith (currently, Herbert Smith Freehills), Paris
2019 - 2021	Adjunct Lecturer, Hitotsubashi University Graduate School of Law
2021 - 2022	Adjunct Lecturer, The University of Tokyo Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, International Civil Procedure Law

Publications

Dispute Resolution Group Newsletter - Subrogation of damage claims in Japan - Considerations in the context of the Haneda aircraft collision	AMT Newsletters	Jan 2024
Litigation 2024 (Japan Chapter) - Law and Practice	Chambers Global Practice Guides	Dec 2023

Dispute Resolution in Germany – Reform of German Arbitration Law - Trends in Dispute Resolution Overseas (40)	JCA Journal (Dec 2023)	Dec 2023
Development of Arbitration in Vietnam - Trends in Dispute Resolution Overseas (39)	JCA Journal (Nov 2023)	Nov 2023
Product Recall 2024 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through 2024	Sep 2023
Disputes regarding Offshore Wind Projects: Recent cases - Trends in Dispute Resolution Overseas (38)	JCA Journal (Sep 2023)	Sep 2023
Measures accompanying Cancellation and Termination of Distributorship Agreement/Agency Agreement	JCA Journal (Aug 2023)	Aug 2023
Trends on Cryptocurrency Disputes - Trends in Dispute Resolution Overseas (34)	JCA Journal (Mar 2023)	Mar 2023
International Arbitration in Europe: Salient Interactions with European Union Law (Volume 2)	JCA Journal (Dec 2022)	Dec 2022
Litigation 2023 (Japan Chapter) - Law and Practice	Chambers Global Practice Guides	Dec 2022
International Arbitration in Europe: Salient Interactions with European Union Law (Volume 1)	JCA Journal (Nov 2022)	Nov 2022
Discussion on Compulsory ADR in England and Wales - Trend in Dispute Resolution Overseas(29)	JCA Journal (Sep 2022)	Sep 2022
Crisis and Prospect of WTO Dispute Settlement Body - Trend in Dispute Resolution Overseas (21)	JCA Journal (Nov 2021)	Nov 2021
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Fifth Edition	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Nov 2021
Product Recall 2022 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through 2022	Oct 2021
Product Liability & Safety 2021: Trends and Development (Japan Chapter)	Chambers Global Practice Guides	Jun 2021
Litigation 2021 (Japan Chapter) - Law and Practice	Chambers Global Practice Guides	Dec 2020
Product Recall 2021 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through 2021	Oct 2020
Trends in Dispute Resolution in the United States - Trends in Dispute Resolution Overseas	JCA Journal	Jan 2020
Product Recall 2020 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through 2020	Nov 2019
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Fourth Edition	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Sep 2019
Product Recall 2019 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through 2019	Oct 2018
Product Recall 2018 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through 2018	Oct 2017
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Third Edition	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Sep 2017
Case on Request for Order of Provisional Disposition on Deletion of Posted Articles - Review for the Decision rendered by the Supreme Court on January 31, 2017 and related issues in the future	Hanrei Jiho No.2328	Jun 2017
Product Recall 2017 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through 2017	Nov 2016
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Second Edition	LexisNexis Japan	Oct 2014
Getting the Deal Through – Anti-Corruption Regulation 2014 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Anti-Corruption Regulation 2014	Mar 2014
Getting the Deal Through – Anti-Corruption Regulation 2013 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through – Anti-Corruption Regulation 2013	Mar 2013
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice	LexisNexis Hong Kong	Dec 2012
Case where a Delaware Limited Partnership does not correspond to a corporation (houjin) under Japanese tax law - Tokyo District Court Decision dated July 19, 2011	International Taxation (January, 2012)	Jan 2012
IBA Guidelines for Drafting International Arbitration Clauses (translation)	Japan Arbitration Association, December 2011	Dec 2011
Counter measures against impermissible competition and usage of information gained while in office ~approach from warning to court	Business Law Journal (September, 2011)	Jul 2011
Getting the Deal Through - Anti-Corruption Regulation 2011 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Anti-Corruption Regulation 2011	Jun 2011
Satisfactory judgment on a tax suit against the government	The Lawyers (August, 2010)	Aug 2010
Japanese Business Law and Practice	Law Press China	May 2009
The Impact of Recent Tax Reform on the Structure of M&A Transactions	The Asialaw Japan Review, Volume 2 Issue 3 (January 2007)	Jan 2007
Introduction to International Tax Practice	JCA Journal (April - September, 2006)	Apr 2006

## Lectures

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One event, many losses – resolving catastrophe, crisis and class action claims	IPBA	Apr 7, 2017
Life cycle of a product (part IV) – The End-user	IBA	Jun 22, 2016
International Arbitration Seminar - Practice and Latest Trends of Arbitration in Japan and Singapore	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, Rajah & Tann LLP	Aug 18 - 20, 2014
Bridging Cultures in Arbitration – A Special Focus on Asia and Europe	IPBA	Oct 2013
Foreign Bribery Act Update and Impact on Japanese Companies	Anderson Mori and Tomotsune, UBIC, Inc.	Oct 2011
Arbitration in Asia: Latest developments and practical guidance for Japanese companies	Anderson Mori and Tomotsune, Herbert Smith (currently, Herbert Smith Freehills)	Oct 2011
Special Session by IPBA Japan Chapter: Litigation System in Asia - A Comparative Study	IPBA	Apr 2011

## Achievements

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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

## Professional Admissions

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Japan (2003)

## Professional and Academic Associations

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Daini Tokyo Bar Association

## Languages

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Japanese (first language)	English
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