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Mr. Kikawa has twelve years of experience at the Public Prosecutors Offices and at the Ministry of Justice, and ten years of experience in private practice.

After he was appointed as a public prosecutor in 2000, he investigated a wide variety of cases at the Public Prosecutors Offices around the country. These include organized crime, mafia-related crime, corporate crime, white collar crime, and complex professional negligent manslaughter cases.

In his early career, he engaged in the investigations and trial of professional negligent manslaughter cases in which Mitsubishi Motors had concealed defects in its products (the so-called "Flying Tires Case"). He investigated the company, from the engineers concerned to the top executives, and engaged in the trial as the lead prosecutor.

Later as a senior prosecutor, he occupied the position of chief prosecutor of medical affairs at the Tokyo Public Prosecutors Office, and was placed in charge of investigations into medical malpractice manslaughter, unqualified medical practice, illegal pharmaceutical advertising of drugs and supplements, and other healthcare-related crimes.

In addition, during his two assignments at the Ministry of Justice, he was put in charge of a nation-wide investigation into inmate death cases in prisons. He was also in charge of the 2009 immigration reform as the main drafter of the amendment of the Immigration Control Act, and supervised administrative procedure and lawsuits of illegal immigrants around the country.

Drawing on his vast experience, in his current practice since 2012, he provides advice regarding compliance and legal risk management related to the business activities of domestic and foreign companies. He mainly focuses on medical, pharmaceutical and healthcare issues, advertising and marketing issues, and legal issues concerning the quality and safety of products and services.

He has extensive experience working with his client companies on their internal investigations. He also advises clients in a broad range of business fields in connection with administrative and criminal investigations, and handles any subsequent administrative proceedings or criminal proceedings.

Topics

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Practice Groups

Corporate Crisis Management Practice Group

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Background

Mar 1998	Kyoto University (LL.B.)
Apr 1998 - Mar 2000	The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
Apr 2000	Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office
Jun 2000	Takamatsu District Public Prosecutors Office (Investigation Department/Special Investigation Department)
Apr 2001	Naha District Public Prosecutors Office (In charge of international crime/mafia crime)
Apr 2003	Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office
Apr 2003	The Ministry of Justice, Criminal Affairs Bureau (Inmate Death Record Investigation Team)
Apr 2004	Yokohama District Public Prosecutors Office (Special Investigation Department/Trials Department)
Apr 2005	Okayama District Public Prosecutors Office (Instructor of legal trainees/In charge of international crime)
Apr 2007	The Ministry of Justice, Immigration Bureau, Adjudication Division (In charge of administrative litigation/refugee recognition)
Apr 2008	The Ministry of Justice, Immigration Bureau, Office of Counselor (In charge of 2009 immigration reform)
Apr 2010	Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office (Chief Prosecutor of Medical Affairs at Investigation Division)
Apr 2012	Registered as a private practitioner
Jul 2014	Graduate study, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law (LL.M.)
Sep 2017	Member of "Study Group on Appropriate Medical Information," Health Policy Bureau of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
May 2018	Member of "Study Group on advertisements of massage and shiatsu practitioners, acupuncturists, moxibustion practitioners and judo therapists," Health Policy Bureau of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Publications

Japan: Trends & Developments	Chambers and Partners	Mar 2021
Legal Matters regarding Life Sciences and Health Care - Navigation regarding Regulations, Intellectual Properties and Corporate Matters (Second Edition)	Shojihomu Co., Ltd.	Oct 2020
Introduction to Advertising & Marketing Law	CHUOKEIZAI-SHA, INC	Jun 2020
Government Investigations 2020 (Japan Chapter)	Lexology Getting The Deal Through	Sep 2019
Getting the Deal Through - Government Investigations 2019 (Japan Chapter)		Sep 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 - Government Investigations 2018 (Japan Chapter)		Sep 2017

Lectures

Series of seminars on Government Investigation & Crisis Management - Second seminar : Administrative Monetary Penalties for Misleading Representations under the Unjustifiable Premiums Act and for False or Exaggerated Advertising under the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Act	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Jun 10, 2020
International Consumer Protection Developments Japan, Singapore and Taiwan	American Bar Association	Nov 30, 2018

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Apr 9, 2020	Best Lawyers 2021

Professional Admissions

Japan (2000)

Professional and Academic Associations

Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association

Languages

Japanese (first language)

English