



## Kunihiro Yokoi

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Kunihiro Yokoi advises on a wide range of legal matters in various areas, such as energy and infrastructure, financings, construction, PFI/PPP and other corporate/commercial matters.

He has special expertise in energy and infrastructure projects and project finance transactions, ranging from power, renewable energy, natural resources, oil and gas, transportation, ports, other infrastructure and real estate matters, working with domestic and international clients.

He has acquired abundant practical experience in advising on a broad and complex array of legal issues, as well as practical issues, throughout his practice career, including his secondments to both domestic and overseas firms. He is able to leverage his expertise to assist clients in achieving their goals in respect to project development and operations, commercial contracts, joint ventures, M&A transactions, financial matters, regulatory compliance and dispute resolution matters.

### Practice Areas

#### Key Practice Areas

Energy and Natural Resources

Finance and Financial Institutions

Corporate

International Practice

Project

Finance

Corporate and Commercial Transactions

Structured

Finance

PPP/PFI/Concession

#### Related Practice Areas

M&A

Real Estate

Finance and Financial Institutions

Dispute Resolution

Government Investigations and Crisis

Management

Labor and Employment

Banking

International Litigation and Cross-Border Disputes

## Topics

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Newsletters  
Nov 2023

Energy Practice Legal Update - Blueprint of "CCS Business Act" by Japanese Government

External Seminars  
Nov 2, 2023

A year of high finance: what are the results of power?

External Seminars  
Jul 27, 2023

The latest status of the ESG (carbon neutral) practices and its impact on general companies

## Practice Groups

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Energy Practice  
Financial Services & Transactions

Asia and Emerging Countries Practice  
Labor Law

Corporate Transaction

## Background

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| Mar 2002            | Tokyo University (LL.B.)  |
| Apr 2002 - Oct 2003 | The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan   |
| May 2010            | Graduate study, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law (LL.M.)  |
| Sep 2010 - Dec 2010 | Associated with J Sagar Associates, India   |
| Jan 2011 - Jan 2012 | Corrs Chambers Westgarth, Australia   |
| Jan 2019 - Dec 2020 | Officer, Power Law Committee (Regional Representative Asia Pacific of the Power Law Committee), International Bar Association |
| Jan 2021 - Dec 2022 | Committee Liaison Officer, Power Law Committee, International Bar Association   |
| Jan 2023 -          | Vice Chair, Power Law Committee, International Bar Association  |

## Publications

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|---|---|----------|
| Energy Practice Legal Update - Blueprint of "CCS Business Act" by Japanese Government   | AMT Newsletters   | Nov 2023 |
| Energy Practice Legal Update - Outline of the Fourth Master Plan on Ocean Policy  | AMT Newsletters   | Jul 2023 |
| Energy Practice Legal Update - Various Issues Concerning Law of the Sea and Maritime Law in Relation to Offshore Wind Power Generation in Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone | AMT Newsletters   | Apr 2023 |
| 'The future of electricity' : a panel of experts considers what lies ahead in Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Italy and Japan   | Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law                       | Aug 2022 |
| Japan: Energy – Oil & Gas – Country Comparative Guides  | The Legal 500   | May 2022 |
| Practice and Research of In-House Lawyers   | Nippon Hyoron sha Co., Ltd (Japan In-House Lawyers Association) | Sep 2021 |
| Market Intelligence Project Finance   | Lexology GTDT   | Aug 2021 |
| The Energy Regulation and Markets Review - Tenth Edition (Japan Chapter)  |   | Jun 2021 |
| The Energy Regulation and Markets Review - Ninth Edition (Japan Chapter)  |   | Jul 2020 |
| The Energy Regulation and Markets Review - Eighth Edition (Japan Chapter)   |   | Jul 2019 |
| The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Project Finance 2019 (Japan Chapter)  |   | May 2019 |
| The Energy Regulation and Markets Review - Seventh Edition (Japan Chapter)  |   | Jul 2018 |
| The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Project Finance 2018 (Japan Chapter)  |   | May 2018 |
| Japan's Solar PV Market—Some Observations   | Pratt's Energy Law Report (Vol.17-No.9)                         | Nov 2017 |
| What Do You Know About The FIT System?  |   | Oct 2017 |
| The Energy Regulation and Markets Review - Sixth Edition (Japan Chapter)  |   | Jul 2017 |
| The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Project Finance 2017 (Japan Chapter)  |   | Apr 2017 |
| The Energy Regulation and Markets Review - Fifth Edition (Japan Chapter)  |   | Jul 2016 |
| The Energy Regulation and Markets Review - Fourth Edition (Japan Chapter)   |   | Jun 2015 |
| ANALYSIS Take Over Bid  | Shojihomu   | Sep 2009 |
| The Case Which Denied the Allegation of Invalidity of Transferring Employment Contracts on the ground of Violation of Workers Protection Rules During a Corporate Split   | Business Law Review   | Jan 2009 |
| Guide to Japanese New Corporation Law   | Kinzai Institute for Financial Affairs, Inc.                    | Aug 2005 |

## Lectures

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| A year of high finance: what are the results of power?                                      | IBA (International Bar Association)                | Nov 2, 2023  |
| The latest status of the ESG (carbon neutral) practices and its impact on general companies | Energy and Natural Resources Working Group of JILA | Jul 27, 2023 |

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| X-HUB TOKYO INBOUND PROGRAM 2023  | Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC, JETRO  | Dec 15, 2022 |
| The future of the electric system, IBA Biennial Conference of the Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (SEERIL) | IBA (International Bar Association)                                 | May 16, 2022 |
| X-HUB TOKYO INBOUND PROGRAM 2022  | Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC, JETRO  | Feb 2022     |
| LAWASIA 2021 Virtual Annual Conference -The Energy Transition and the Impact on the Legal Regulatory Landscape                                      | LAWASIA   | Nov 17, 2021 |
| The effects of the pandemic on renewable energy projects  | IBA (International Bar Association)                                 | Jun 12, 2020 |
| Legal issues and Practice in Offshore Wind Power Projects   | Financial Management Forums,Inc.                                    | Nov 7, 2019  |
| Gas Price Review in Japan   | Anderson Mori & Tomotsune Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP | Oct 28, 2019 |
| Legal issues in Offshore Wind Power Projects  | Energy and Natural Resources Working Group of JILA                  | Jul 25, 2019 |
| Power in the modern urban setting: how will business look, who will the actors be and what will the rules be?                                       | IBA (International Bar Association)                                 | Oct 10, 2018 |
| Power to the People, IBA Biennial Conference of the Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Law (SEERIL)               | IBA (International Bar Association)                                 | Apr 10, 2018 |
| Legal issues and Practice in Overseas Power Plant Projects  | Nihon Knowledge Center  | Feb 2016     |
| Legal issues in the Renewable Energy Industry and Recent Amendments to Japan's Renewable Energy Regulations   | Financial Management Forums,Inc                                     | Oct 2016     |
| Legal issues in Development and Operation of Power Plant Projects   | Nihon Knowledge Center  | Jul 2016     |
| Legal issues and Practice in Overseas Power Plant Projects  | Financial Management Forums,Inc.                                    | Jul 2016     |
| Legal Issues and Practice in Overseas Power Plant Projects  | Nihon Knowledge Center  | Apr 2016     |
| Legal Issues and Practice in Set-up of the Electricity Retail Business  | Anderson Mori & Tomotsune   | Mar 14, 2016 |
| Legal Issues in Development and Operation of Power Plant Projects under the Electricity System Reform   | Nihon Knowledge Center  | Feb 2016     |

## Achievements

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Jul 27, 2023 IFLR1000 2023

## Professional Admissions

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Japan (2003)  
New York (2011)

## Professional and Academic Associations

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Daini Tokyo Bar Association  
International Bar Association

## Languages

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Japanese (first language)  
English