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LEGAL AWARDS

Chambers FinTech 2024, Band 1

The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024: Leading Individual (Fintech)

Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Awards 2024 Asia-Pacific: Finalist of Innovative Practitioner Award

Who's Who Legal Global Guide 2024: Thought Leaders - Global Elite (Blockchain)

Lexology Client Choice Awards 2024

Key Practice Areas



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Ken Kawai has extensive experience advising financial institutions, fintech startups, investors and corporate clients on complex finance and financial regulatory matters. Ken's focuses primarily on the fintech industry, and regularly advises fintech companies, financial institutions, international organizations and industry organizations on legal issues surrounding fintech, including the complex legal framework governing cryptocurrencies, initial coin offerings and blockchain.

Ken also specializes in derivatives, and has counseled global banks, broker-dealers and investors on regulatory matters and best practices in respect of derivatives and related products. He derives his deep and practical knowledge in this area from his 17-year career at MUFG Bank, Ltd. (formerly known as The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi and, prior to that, The Bank of Tokyo Ltd.), where he was involved in derivatives trading and marketing.

Ken's practice also involves corporate bankruptcy, insolvency and reorganizations. He has represented debtors or creditors in several insolvency cases that involve complex financial transactions and cross-border issues. He also advises several G-SIFIs and related institutions on Bank Recovery and Resolution Regimes.

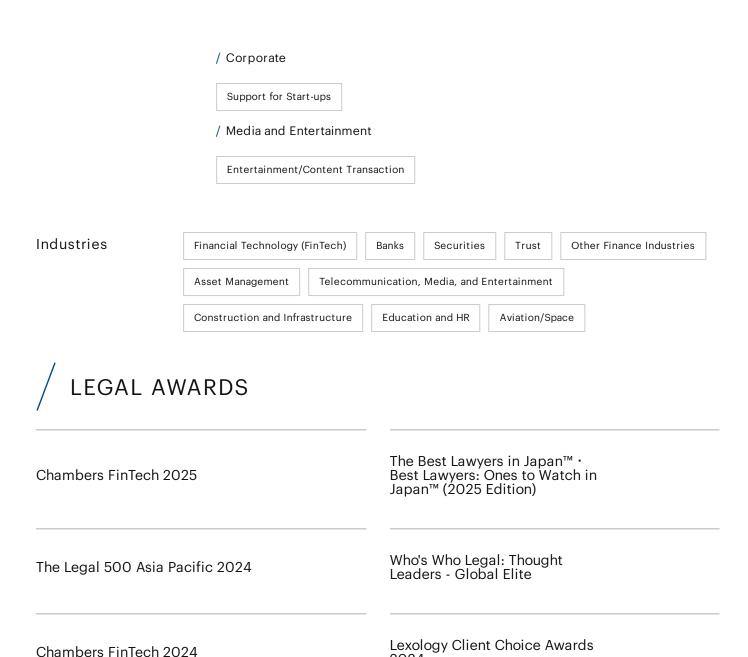


Practice Areas / Finance and Financial Institutions

Financial Technology (FinTech) Security Token Financial Regulation Derivatives

Asset Management and Investment Funds Financial and Securities Dispute Resolution

/ Tech/Data/IT/Telecom



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X-HUB TOKYO INBOUND PROGRAM 2022 FIN/SUM2021: Fintech Summit

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2021.03.16

PUBLICATIONS Publications

'Chambers Global Practice Guides' on Fintech 2024 (Japa... GLI - Fintech 2024, Sixth Edition

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Japan

2024.11.01

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CAREER

Mar 1988 Kyoto University (LL.B.)

Apr 1988 - Mar 2005 The Bank of Tokyo Ltd. / The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi (presently MUFG Bank, Ltd.)

Mar 2008 Kobe University Graduate School of Law

2008-2009 The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan

Jun 2021 Advisor, Global Financial City OSAKA Promotion Committee

QUALIFICATIONS

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC

ASSOCIATION

LANGUAGES

Japan (2009)

Tokyo Bar Association

Japanese (first language)

Japan Association of the Law of

Finance

English

INSOL International

East Asian Association of Insolvency & Restructuring

International Competition Network (ICN) Non-Governmental Advisor

Japan Competition Law Forum

Tokyo Bar Association, Bankruptcy Law Section

Tokyo Bar Association, Financial Transaction Law Section

Japan Cryptocurrency Business Association (Legal Advisor)

FinTech Association Japan

Member of the "Committee to Discuss the Legal System for Blockchain (Cross-sectoral Theme)" organized by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (2018)

Member of the "Study Group concerning Application of Blockchain Technology to Universities and Research Institutions for Ensuring the Credibility of Research

Data and Findings and for Mobilization of Human Resources" Organized by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (2018 to 2019)