

KEN KAWAI

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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

Financial Technology (FinTech)

Security Token

Financial Regulation

Derivatives

Tech/Data/IT/Telecom

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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.

SERVICES

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

/ Corporate

Support for Start-ups

/ Media and Entertainment

Entertainment/Content Transaction

Industries

Financial Technology (FinTech)

Banks

Securities

Trust

Other Finance Industries

Asset Management

Telecommunication, Media, and Entertainment

Construction and Infrastructure

Education and HR

Aviation/Space

LEGAL AWARDS

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2023.04.17

Financial Services &
Transactions Group Newslette...

2022.09.27

SEMINARS Seminars

[Symposium] "The Present and Future of Fund Settlement...	X-HUB TOKYO INBOUND PROGRAM 2022	FIN/SUM2021 : Fintech Summit
2022.10.15	2022.02.16	2021.03.16

PUBLICATIONS Publications

'Chambers Global Practice Guides' on Fintech 2024 (Japa...	GLI – Fintech 2024, Sixth Edition	ICLG: Digital Business 2024 - Japan
2024.11.01 Articles	2024.09.01 Articles	2024.05.31 Articles

/ 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

Japan (2009)

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION

Tokyo Bar Association

Japan Association of the Law of Finance

INSOL International

East Asian Association of Insolvency & Restructuring

LANGUAGES

Japanese (first language)

English

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)