



## Masaki Fujita

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Masaki Fujita is a partner at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, based in the Tokyo office. He specializes in Restructuring & Insolvency, International Trade, National Security, M&A and Joint Venture.

Masaki has extensive experience in restructuring, representing a full range of stakeholders, including debtors, creditors, and sponsors, in both in-court and out-of-court proceedings. He also frequently advises foreign companies on strategic exits from the Japanese market, providing expert guidance through comprehensive legal and business considerations.

Masaki's expertise extends to advising clients on a wide range of regulatory, compliance, investigatory, and enforcement matters related to international trade and national security. This includes trade controls, economic sanctions, clearances for foreign investments, and industrial security issues. Additionally, Masaki offers foreign companies general corporate advice on commercial laws, employment laws, and compliance issues, demonstrating a deep understanding of the unique aspects of Japanese business culture and legal frameworks.

He advises clients across numerous industries, including banking, fintech, energy, semiconductors, chemicals, medical, pharmaceuticals, life sciences, IT, shipping, logistics, hotels, food, fashion, and agriculture.

Masaki was recognized as an INSOL Fellow and a member of the International Insolvency Institute (III) NextGen, reflecting his depth of expertise in insolvency matters. Furthermore, his unique perspective gained from serving as a secondee for one of Japan's largest international trading companies enriches his ability to offer practical, insightful advice across a wide range of corporate and international business challenges.

### Practice Areas

Restructuring/Insolvency and Bankruptcy   Corporate   M&A   International Practice

### Topics

Media  
Mar 2024

Cabinet Decision on the Bill to Establish a Security Clearance System in the Field of Economic Security

Media  
Feb 2024

The Financial Services Agency Publishes Case Studies Aimed at Preventing Bankruptcy for Guarantors

External Seminars  
Feb 27, 2024

Practical Measures for Sanctions and Regulatory Compliance (including Risk-Based Due Diligence)

## Practice Groups

Corporate Transaction Group

Dispute Resolution Group

Financial Restructuring & Insolvency Group

## Background

Mar 2003 Waseda University, Faculty of Law, (Bachelor of Laws)  
Mar 2006 Kyoto University Law School (Juris Doctor)  
Jan 2014 - May 2015 Worked for the legal division of one of the largest trading companies in Japan  
May 2016 University of California, Berkeley (LL.M.)  
Sep 2016 - July 2017 Associated with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP (New York Office)

## Publications

Cabinet Decision on the Bill to Establish a Security Clearance System in the Field of Economic Security	Shojihomu Portal	Mar 2024
The Financial Services Agency Publishes Case Studies Aimed at Preventing Bankruptcy for Guarantors	Shojihomu Portal	Feb 2024
EU Council Adopts Position on Prohibiting Products Made with Forced Labour on the EU Market, Heading to Negotiations with EU Parliament	Shojihomu Portal	Feb 2024
European Commission Unveils Five Initiatives to Strengthen EU's Economic Security	Shojihomu Portal	Feb 2024
Publication of the Final Report by the Expert Panel on the Security Clearance System in the Field of Economic Security	Shojihomu Portal	Feb 2024
Publication of the Revised Guidelines and Q&A on Business Revitalization for Small and Medium Enterprises	Shojihomu Portal	Feb 2024
Global Legal Issues: Key Global Regulations and Trends in Personal Information Protection, Business and Human Rights, and Economic Security for Japanese Companies	Kaishahoumu A2Z VOL2024-2	Jan 2024
U.S. Treasury Department Announces Historical Settlement with Crypto Exchange Binance Amounting to Over \$4.3B	Shojihomu Portal	Dec 2023
Publication of the draft amendments to the "Comprehensive Guidelines for Supervision of Small- and Medium-Sized and Regional Financial Institutions" for public consultation	Shojihomu Portal	Dec 2023
Publication of the revised "Basic Perspectives of 'Guidelines for Personal Guarantee Provided by Business Owners' in the Event of the Closure of a Business"	Shojihomu Portal	Dec 2023
Direction of Discussions towards Legislation of a New Security Clearance System in Japan	Shojihomu Portal	Dec 2023
European Commission releases Annual FDI Report and updated data on export control	Shojihomu Portal	Nov 2023
US Further Expands Export Restrictions on Advanced Computing Chips and Semiconductor Manufacturing Items	Shojihomu Portal	Nov 2023
CFIUS Releases Annual Report for 2022	Shojihomu Portal	Aug 2023
Essential Points of English M&A Drafting	Kinzai Institute for Financial Affairs, Inc	Apr 2023
Global Legal Issues: Tasks regarding Economic Security and Human Rights around the world	Kaishahoumu A2Z VOL2023-1	Dec 2022
Case Studies regarding "Guidelines for Business Revitalization of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, etc."	Chuokezai-sha	Oct 2022
Overview of US sanctions laws and regulations	Business Lawyers' website	Jul 2022
Practical tips for the withdrawal of foreign companies from Japan	Turnaround & Credit Management No.177 (Summer issue 2022)	Jul 2022

Key Developments and Latest Trends in Japan	The International Insolvency & Restructuring Review 2022/23	Apr 2022
General overview of and recent developments in Japanese rescue-type insolvency proceedings	Insolvency and Restructuring International - October 2021	Nov 2021
Restructuring and insolvency in Japan: overview	Practical Law -A Thomson Reuters Legal Solution	Mar 2021
Practical points regarding downsizing or closure of a business in the U.S.: Dealing with litigation risks and monetary compensation issues arising from employee dismissal as well as with environmental regulations	Business Homu, Jan 2021 Issue	Nov 2020
Guidebook of English Language Contracts around the World	Shojihomu Co., Ltd.	Apr 2019
English Contracts around the World – Around-the-world trip starting from America	The Association of Corporate Legal Departments, No.519	May 2017
LAWSUITS RELATED TO BANKRUPTCY LAW	Minjihou Kenkyukai	Nov 2014
PRECEDENTS, PRACTICE OF JAPANESE BANKRUPTCY LAW AND PROPOSALS FOR REFORM OF THE LAW	Koubundou	Jan 2014

## Lectures

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Practical Measures for Sanctions and Regulatory Compliance (including Risk-Based Due Diligence)	Dow Jones (Japan) K.K.	Feb 27, 2024
Market Disruption Readiness: Anticipate major legal and geopolitical business interruption risks and adapt or exit timely countries or regions in turmoil	Dentons, Dentons Global Advisors, Anderson Mori Tomotsune and Japan Institute for Overseas Investment (JOI)	Feb 6, 2024
An Overview of Recent Developments in Economic Security Regulations in Foreign Countries	Kinyu Zaimu Kenkyukai	Oct 31, 2023
Key points of JV agreement and withdrawal from JV (considering increasing economic security risk)	Kinyu Zaimu Kenkyukai	Oct 17, 2023
Key points of overseas crisis management and compliance	Bizup Research Institute Inc.	Apr 27, 2023
Key points of JV agreement and withdrawal from JV (considering increasing economic security risk)	Kinyu Zaimu Kenkyukai	Apr 26, 2023
Overview and Recent Developments of U.S. Sanctions and Export Controls	FRONTEO, Inc.	Feb 2, 2023

## Professional Admissions

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Japan (2007)  
New York (2017)

## Professional and Academic Associations

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INSOL (INSOL Fellow)  
International Insolvency Institute (III) NextGen  
International Bar Association (IBA)  
American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI)  
Tokyo Bar Association (Insolvency Study Group)  
Japanese Association of Turnaround Professionals  
Japanese Association for Business Recovery  
Japanese Federation of Insolvency Professionals  
Japan Insolvency Practitioners' Network  
The East Asian Association of Insolvency & Restructuring Prospectus  
Japan In-House Lawyers Association

## Languages

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Japanese (first language)  
English

