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Masaakira Kitazawa is an of counsel at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune and specializes in banking, securities, general corporate and commercial law. He advises domestic and foreign clients on financial regulatory matters, including corporate governance and compliance as well as transactional work, acquisition and restructuring of corporate group entities, M&A, tender offers, private equity investments and securitization. Mr. Kitazawa was also involved in many public offerings, including IPOs and listings on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Among others, his projects and transactions include the following:

Acting as chief legal advisor to a temporarily nationalized Japanese bank, which was subsequently privatized; providing ongoing advice to the subsequent entity in connection with all aspects of its business, including government relations, banking, commercial transactions, acquisitions and general advice to management.

Acting as chief legal advisor to a major Japanese bank targeted by Japan's first hostile (later non-hostile) tender offer initiated by a Japanese financial group.

Advising a UK investment bank following its failure to abide by regulations in connection with Asian futures transactions. The work involved intense negotiations with Japanese financial authorities, the stock exchange and courts.

Advising a major US financial institution on all aspects of its operations in Japan, including its consumer finance subsidiaries, acquisitions of other companies and issues related to compliance with stringent Japanese regulatory requirements.

Advising a major UK based venture capital and private entity in connection with its establishment and subsequent investment activities in Japan.

Securitization of real property and other assets owned by solvent and insolvent insurance companies on behalf of funds managed and administered by a major US investment bank.

Advising the UK Government, issuers and/or underwriters on secondary offerings in privatization initiatives undertaken with respect to the electricity, gas and water sectors in the UK.

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PUBLICATIONS

Publications

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CAREER

1976	Tokyo University (LL.B.)
1981	Harvard Law School (LL.M.)
1981 - 1982	Trained at a law firm in the United States
1987 - 2022	Partner of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune
2023	Of Counsel of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune

QUALIFICATIONS

Japan (1978) New York (1982)

PROFESSIONAL AND
ACADEMIC
ASSOCIATION

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LANGUAGES

Japanese (first language)
English