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Shintaro Kato principally focuses on litigation. He litigates civil and commercial disputes, and also acts as an arbitrator and a judge in alternative dispute resolution procedures. With extensive experience as a court judge, Shintaro Kato is skilled at understanding arguments, counterarguments, proofs and rebuttals and at analyzing cases based on a thoughtful and thorough examination of the facts. He has written a number of books and theses. As a result of his expertise, Shintaro Kato receives numerous requests to prepare opinions and second opinions and to give lectures.

Practice Areas

Dispute Resolution

General Commercial Litigation Alternative Dispute Resolution Labor and Employment Disputes
 Tax Litigation and Dispute Resolution Product Liability Disputes
 Financial and Securities Dispute Resolution Franchise Disputes Real Estate Dispute Resolution
 Corporate Scandal Related Securities and Other Civil Litigation Companies Act related Disputes
 Insurance Related Disputes

Topics

Achievements
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Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold and Silver Star

Books
Jan 2018

Business Transaction Litigation in Light of Case Law

Books
Aug 2008

Modern Civil Law Practice (3 Volumes)

Background

1973	Nagoya University (LL.B.)
1992	Nagoya University (Doctor of Law)
1975	The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
1975	Assistant Judge of the Tokyo District Court
1977	Visiting Scholar, University of Washington School of Law
1978	Assistant Judge of the Nagoya Family Court
1980	Assistant Judge, General Affairs Bureau, General Secretariat of the Supreme Court of Japan
1985	Judge of the Osaka District Court
1988	Professor for Civil Lawsuits, The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
1989 - 1992	Bar Examiner of the Bar Examination (second-stage of testing)
1992	Director General of the Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
1998	Division-head Judge of the Tokyo District Court
2001	Senior Professor for Judge Training, The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
2001 - 2004	Member, the Study Panel on Training of Legal Professionals of the Task Force on Cabinet Judicial System Reform

2002 - 2005	Member, Council for University Chartering and School Juridical Person, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (University Chartering Sub-Committee)
2004 - 2005	Member, Evaluation and Accreditation of Law Schools Committee, National Institution for Academic Degrees of University Evaluation
2005	Chief Justice of the Niigata District Court
2007	Chief Justice of the Mito District Court
2009	Chief Justice and Division-head Judge of the Tokyo High Court
2009 - 2015	Disciplinary Committee, Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association (Outside Expert)
2015 - 2021	Professor, Chuo University, Master of Laws (Civil Procedure)
2021 -	Fellow of Chuo Law School
2022 -	Part-time lecturer, Tokyo Metropolitan University Graduate School of Law and Politics (Civil Law Practice)
2022 -	Part-time lecturer, Nihon University Law School (Legal ethics)

Publications

Business Transaction Litigation in Light of Case Law	Dai-ichi Hoki Co., Ltd.	Jan 2018
Modern Civil Law Practice (3 Volumes)	Hanrei Times	Aug 2008

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Professional Admissions

Japan (1975)

Professional and Academic Associations

Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association

Languages

Japanese (first language)	English
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