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Based on his experience at Financial Services Agency (“FSA”) and Japan Virtual and Crypto-asset Exchange Association (“JVCEA”), Takato Fukui has been advising Fintech companies, financial institutions and a self-regulatory organization on Fin-Tech legal issues including those of Crypto Assets. Takato was in a supervisory position where he overlooked the functioning of money transmitters and prepaid card issuers under the Payment Services Act (“PSA”) and money lenders under the Money Lending Business Act at FSA from 2014 to 2017. Based on his experience, He was further instrumental in drafting JFSA's Guidelines for Virtual Currencies Exchange Business Operators. He also served as the Director General of the JVCEA from 2018 to 2020. He was instrumental in developing set of self-regulatory rules and obtaining certification from the FSA as a self-regulatory organization under the PSA and Financial Instrument Exchange Act.

Practice Areas

Corporate

Finance and Financial Institutions

Restructuring/Insolvency and Bankruptcy

Corporate and Commercial Transactions

Financial

Financial Technology (FinTech) Regulation

Financial Institution Insolvencies

Topics

Articles

Jul 2024

'Chambers Global Practice Guides' on Blockchain 2024 - Law & Practice

Achievements

Apr 18, 2024

The Best Lawyers in Japan™ • Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan™ (2025 Edition)

Articles

Nov 2023

GLI - Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Regulation 2024 (Japan Chapter)

Background

Mar 2004	Chuo University, Bachelor of Arts (BLit)
Mar 2008	Sophia University Law School (LL.M.)
Oct 2014 - Mar 2017	Worked for the Financial Services Agency
Jul 2018 - Sep 2020	Worked for the Japan Virtual and Cryptoassets Exchange Association

Publications

'Chambers Global Practice Guides' on Blockchain 2024 - Law & Practice	Chambers and Partners	Jul 2024
GLI - Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Regulation 2024 (Japan Chapter)	GLI - Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Regulation 2024	Nov 2023
The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides - Japan : Blockchain	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides 2023	Oct 2023
'Chambers Global Practice Guides' on Blockchain 2023 - Law & Practice	Chambers and Partners	Jun 2023
Financial Services & Transactions Group Newsletter - Amendments to the Payment Services Act and the Act on Prevention of Transfer of Criminal Proceeds, etc. (Introduction of Regulations on Stablecoins)	AMT Newsletters	Sep 2022
GLI - Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Regulation 2022(Japan Chapter)	Blockchain & Cryptocurrency Regulation 2022	Oct 2021
Current Status of Handling of Crypto Assets in Japan	Economic Legal Research Institute March 2021 issue	Mar 2021
Trends of Legal Amendments and Practices Related to Virtual Currencies and ICOs	The Liberty & Justice, February 2020 issue	Feb 2020
Formulation of Advertising Guidelines for Virtual Currencies	REPORT JARO, February 2019 issue	Feb 2019
Essential Points of Japan M&A Practice (Second Edition)	Shoji Homu Co., Ltd.	Jun 2018
Essential Points of Japan M&A Practice	Shoji Homu	May 2015

Lectures

"Discussion on Digital Assets Legal systems in the wake of El Salvador's Adoption of Bitcoin as Legal Tender" (Panel Discussion)	Japan Crypto-asset Business Association	Jul 29, 2021
Commentary on FATF's Guidance on Risk-Based Approach for Virtual Assets and Virtual Asset Service Providers - How it will Impact the Crypto-Asset Industry	Japan Crypto-asset Business Association	May 28, 2021
"The Present and Future of Crypto Asset Regulation"	Keio University Global Research Institute	Feb 25, 2021
"Next Generation Leaders Session" 57th Australia-Japan Joint Economic Committee Meeting	Australia-Japan Joint Economic Committee	Oct 9, 2019
Recent Regulatory Trends in the Virtual Currency Exchange Industry	Japan Virtual Currency Business Association	Sep 30, 2019

Achievements

Apr 18, 2024	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ • Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan™ (2025 Edition)
Apr 20, 2023	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ 2024
Apr 14, 2022	Best Lawyers 2023

Professional Admissions

Japan (2009)

Professional and Academic Associations

Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association

Languages

Japanese (first language)	English
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