



## Takeshi Watanabe

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Takeshi Watanabe is a partner at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune and is engaged principally in the fields of corporate and commercial law and Chinese law, with an emphasis on M&A and corporate governance. He has represented foreign investors in various large-scale M&A transactions and advised in relation to various corporate restructurings of listed companies. He is also involved in M&A related financing transactions and is well versed in Securities Law and other Financial Services Laws. He regularly provides legal services on general corporate matters to various clients including operating companies and financial institutions. In addition to his professional experience at our firm, he has worked for a branch of a Japanese bank in the People's Republic of China. He actively handles legal matters on behalf of clients based in Japan that are interested in entering into business ventures in China.

### Practice Areas

#### Corporate

Corporate and Commercial Transactions    Corporate Governance  
 Shareholders' Meetings and Relationships with  
 Shareholders    Shareholder Activism  
 Establishing a Business Presence in

#### M&A

Corporate Disputes    Japan  
 M&A/Business Restructuring    Joint Ventures    Business Alliances    Cross-border M&A

#### Government Investigations and Crisis Management

Internal investigations and organizing third-party  
 committees    Accounting  
 fraud

#### Finance and Financial Institutions

Financial  
 Banking    Regulation

#### Real Estate

Real Estate  
 Transactions

#### Competition/Antitrust

Merger Control

#### Dispute Resolution

General Commercial Litigation    Companies Act related Disputes

#### International Practice

Mainland China    Vietnam

### Topics

Achievements  
 Apr 18, 2024

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

Articles  
Apr 2024

Lexology PANORAMIC (formerly "Getting the Deal Through") - Corporate Governance 2024 (Japan Chapter)

Articles  
May 2023

Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2023 (Japan Chapter)

## Practice Groups

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Corporate Transaction Group

Financial Services & Transactions Group

Asia and Emerging Countries Practice Group

## Background

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1990 The University of Tokyo (LL.B.)  
1990 - 1992 The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan  
1996 University of Chicago (LL.M.)  
1996 - 1997 Beijing Language and Cultural University  
1996 - 1997 Trained at a branch of a Japanese bank in the People's Republic of China  
Jul 2023 - The Local Organising Committee of World Athletics Championships Tokyo 25  
Auditor

## Publications

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Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2023 (Japan Chapter)		May 2023
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2022 (Japan Chapter)		May 2022
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Fifth Edition	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Nov 2021
A GUIDEBOOK FOR CORPORATE AUDIT & SUPERVISORY BOARD MEMBERS	Shojihomu Co., Ltd.	Aug 2021
A GUIDEBOOK FOR CORPORATE DIRECTORS	Shojihomu Co., Ltd.	Jul 2021
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2021 (Japan Chapter)		Jun 2021
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2020 (Japan Chapter)		Jul 2020
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Fourth Edition	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Sep 2019
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2019 (Japan Chapter)		Jul 2019
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2018 (Japan Chapter)		Jul 2018
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Third Edition	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Sep 2017
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2017 (Japan Chapter)		Jul 2017
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2016 (Japan Chapter)		Jul 2016
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2015 (Japan Chapter)		Jul 2015
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Second Edition	LexisNexis Japan	Oct 2014
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2014 (Japan Chapter)		Jun 2014
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2013 (Japan Chapter)		Jun 2013
Q&A: Strategies for Corporate Law Practice in Asia and Emerging Countries	Shoji Homu	Apr 2013
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice	LexisNexis Hong Kong	Dec 2012
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2011 (Japan Chapter)		Jul 2012
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2012 (Japan Chapter)		Jun 2012
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2010 (Japan Chapter)		Jul 2010
ANALYSIS Take Over Bid	Shojihomu	Sep 2009
Japanese Business Law and Practice	Law Press China	May 2009
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2009 (Japan Chapter)		Mar 2009
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2008 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2008
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2007 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2007
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2006 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2006	Feb 2006
Getting the Deal Through - Mergers & Acquisitions 2006 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2006
Guide to Japan's New Corporation Law: An analysis of the new corporate system based upon a review of the new provisions		Aug 2005
Getting the Deal Through - Mergers & Acquisitions 2005 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2005
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2005 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2005	Feb 2005
Getting the Deal Through - Mergers & Acquisitions 2004 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2004
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2004 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2004	Feb 2004
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2003 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2003	Feb 2003
Getting the Deal Through - Mergers & Acquisitions 2003 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2003
Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2002 (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2002	Feb 2002
Getting the Deal Through - Mergers & Acquisitions 2002 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2002
Getting the Deal Through - Mergers & Acquisitions 2001 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2001

## Lectures

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The 41st New Study Group Meeting	International Alliances Limited	Sep 29, 2011
Responsibility of Directors in Japan		Sep 17, 2011
How to prepare for the next Shareholders Meeting after the Bull-Dog Sauce Supreme Court Case		Nov 7, 2007
Models for Corporate Rehabilitation - DIP Finance, Rehabilitation Fund and Debt Equity Swap	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Jan 23, 2003

## Achievements

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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
Apr 15, 2021	Best Lawyers 2022
Apr 9, 2020	Best Lawyers 2021
Nov 9, 2018	Asialaw Profiles 2019
May 14, 2018	Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2018
Nov 13, 2017	Asialaw Profiles 2018
Aug 2, 2017	Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2017

## Professional Admissions

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Japan (1992)  
New York (1997)

## Professional and Academic Associations

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Daini Tokyo Bar Association

## Languages

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Japanese (first language)      English      Chinese (Mandarin)