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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	
	Corporate Disputes	Japan
M&A	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

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Articles

May 2022

Getting the Deal Through - Corporate Governance 2022 (Japan Chapter)

Practice Groups

Corporate Transaction Group

Financial Services & Transactions Group

Asia and Emerging Countries Practice Group

Background

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

Publications

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
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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
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Getting the Deal Through - Mergers & Acquisitions 2002 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2002
Getting the Deal Through - Mergers & Acquisitions 2001 (Japan Chapter)		Feb 2001

Lectures

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

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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

Japan (1992)
New York (1997)

Professional and Academic Associations

Daini Tokyo Bar Association

Languages

Japanese (first
language)

English

Chinese (Mandarin)