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Mr. Wataru Shimizu has been involved with an extensive range of intellectual property issues, including: - Drafting and negotiating various technology transfer agreements; - Drafting and arguing complaints, motions, and other pleadings for litigation arising in relation to technology transfer agreements and compensation for employee's invention etc.; - Advising Japanese companies on industry-university cooperation, brand management, and intellectual property management, etc.

In addition, recently, Mr. Shimizu has been dealing with many legal and intellectual property issues in Asia and Emerging Countries (especially, China and ASEAN countries).

Mr. Shimizu has also assisted domestic clients in general corporate matters, such as corporate governance, employment law compliance, and competition compliance, etc.

Practice Areas

Corporate

Corporate and Commercial Transactions Corporate Governance

Establishing a Business Presence in Japan

M&A

Venture Private

Business Alliances Capital Equity/Funds

Government Investigations and Crisis Management

Quality control, product liability and product fraud Information leakage

Labor and Employment

Drafting and Review of Work Rules and Employment

Contracts

Labor and Employment Law

Compliance

Intellectual Property/TMT

Copyright and

IP Disputes IP Licensing and Transactions Entertainment

Health Care, Pharmaceutical and Life IT and Telecommunications law and

Science Regulation

Technology and Information Industries

Competition/Antitrust

Interplay of IP and Competition Law Distribution and Other Competition Law Matters

Competition Compliance

Dispute Resolution

General Commercial Litigation IP Disputes IT Related Disputes Trade Secret Disputes

International Practice

Mainland China Singapore Indonesia Vietnam Thailand Malaysia Myanmar

Other ASEAN countries

Topics

Articles
Nov 2024

BIS Announces New Rules to Ease Space-Related Export Controls in EAR

Media
Oct 2024

Kickoff of Subcommittee for Amendment to Space Activity Act under Space Policy Committee

Articles
Sep 2024

Artificial Intelligence 2024 (Japan Chapter) - Trends and Developments

Practice Groups

Corporate Transaction Group
Data Privacy & Digital Group

Intellectual Property Law Group

Asia and Emerging Countries Practice Group

Background

Mar 1998	The University of Tokyo (LL.B.)
Feb 2001 – Mar 2004	Hitachi Systems & Services, Ltd.
2004 - 2005	The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
Oct 2005 - Mar 2011	Nishimura & Asahi
Oct 2008 - Mar 2011	Toyota Motor Corporation (Intellectual Property Div.)
Apr 2011 - Mar 2016	Ohno & Partners
Oct 2012	Aichi Bar Association
Apr 2019 -	Member of the advisory board, The institutes of Innovation for Future Society of Nagoya University, Materials/Energy Renovation Co-Creation Consortium
Apr 2020 -	Lecturer, Osaka University, Multidisciplinary PhD Program for Pioneering Quantum Beam Application
Oct 2024 -	Project Professor, Keio University, Graduate School of Media and Governance

Publications

BIS Announces New Rules to Ease Space-Related Export Controls in EAR	Shojihomu Portal	Nov 2024
Kickoff of Subcommittee for Amendment to Space Activity Act under Space Policy Committee	Shojihomu Portal	Oct 2024
Artificial Intelligence 2024 (Japan Chapter) - Trends and Developments	Artificial Intelligence 2024	Sep 2024
Adoption of Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive	Shojihomu Portal	May 2024
Startup Law	CHUOKEIZAI-SHA	Mar 2022
Doing Business In... 2021 - Law & Practice	Chambers and Partners	Aug 2021
Doing Business In... 2020 - Law & Practice	Chambers and Partners	Jul 2020
Doing Business In... 2019 - Law & Practice	Chambers and Partners	Jul 2019
New types of trademark infringement through trademark use on the internet - Comparative research on EU and China	Website of Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry	Mar 2019

Lectures

X-HUB TOKYO INBOUND PROGRAM 2021	Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu LLC, JETRO	Feb 15, 2021
Can litigation keep pace with the rise of machines?	IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum	Mar 1, 2019
Trump administration's trade war - how Japanese Companies should correspond	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune Nagoya Office	Nov 21, 2018
Legal Regulations of Genome Editing Technologies	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Nov 20, 2018
Review points of IP-related contracts	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune Osaka Office	Oct 29, 31, Nov 1, 2018
IP Week 2017 Singapore "Create New Value with Emerging Technologies and IP"	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Aug 29 - 30, 2017
Legal Systems and Recent Trends about Technology Licenses in China	Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment	Dec 2016
IP Week 2016 Singapore "The Next IP Service in ASEAN Region"	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Aug 22 - 24, 2016
IP Lawsuits and Practices in Japan	JICA & Supreme People's Court of Vietnam	Sep 2016
Intellectual Property Enforcement in Malaysia	JETRO	Sep 2016
Recent Movement on Dispute Resolution in Singapore	Anderson Mori & Tomotsune	Jun 13 - 14, 2016
The significance which acquires patents in Singapore	Japan Patent Office, JETRO	Oct 2015

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
Dec 15, 2022	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2023
Apr 14, 2022	Best Lawyers 2023
Apr 15, 2021	Best Lawyers 2022
Apr 9, 2020	Best Lawyers 2021

Professional Admissions

Japan (2005)

Professional and Academic Associations

Aichi Bar Association

Languages

Japanese (first
language)

English