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Yasufumi Shiroyama is a partner who heads all aspects of the firm's intellectual property group practice, including:

- Drafting and arguing complaints, motions, answers and other pleadings for patent, trademark, copyright and know-how infringement litigation in district and appellate courts in Japan, on behalf of both Japanese and foreign companies;
- Drafting and arguing complaints, motions, answers and other pleadings for litigation arising in relation to technology transfer agreements, compensation for employee's invention, and allegedly defective products, etc. in district and appellate courts in Japan, on behalf of both Japanese and foreign companies;
- Drafting and negotiating various technology transfer agreements on behalf of both Japanese and foreign companies;
- Managing written discovery in cooperation with U.S. counsel for a Japanese client in patent license related litigation in U.S. federal court;
- Managing appellate litigation matters seeking nullification of decisions of the Japanese Patent Office;
- Drafting and arguing complaints, motions, answers and other pleadings in invalidation trial and opposition procedures before the Japanese Patent Office; and
- Advising on regulatory matters for pharmaceutical products, medical devices, chemical products, and personal data etc.

### Practice Areas

#### Intellectual Property/TMT

IP Disputes	IP Licensing and Transactions	Patent Prosecution
Trademark/Design Prosecution	Copyright and Entertainment	
Health Care, Pharmaceutical and Life Science	IT and Telecommunications law and Regulation	

#### Life Sciences

IP-related Services	M&A and Finance	Regulatory Matters	Regenerative Medicine
Health Care, Pharmaceutical and Life Science			

#### Competition/Antitrust

Interplay of IP and Competition Law

#### Dispute Resolution

IP Disputes	IT Related Disputes	Trade Secret Disputes	Pharmaceutical Disputes
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### Topics

Achievements  
Oct 4, 2023

Who's Who Legal: Japan 2023

Achievements  
Sep 14, 2023

asialaw 2023-24

Achievements  
Jul 6, 2023

The A-List: Japan's Top 100 Lawyers

## Practice Groups

Intellectual Property Law Group

Life Sciences and Health Care Practice Group

## Background

Mar 1992

The University of Tokyo (LL.B.)

May 1998

University of California, Davis (LL.M.)

July 1997

Beijing Language and Cultural University (Language  
Training)

## Publications

Chambers Global Practice Guide : Digital Healthcare 2023 - Japan	Digital Healthcare 2023	Jun 2023
Chambers Global Practice Guide : Digital Healthcare 2022 Q&A - Japan	Digital Healthcare 2022	Jun 2022
Trade Secrets 2022 (Japan Chapter) - Trends and Developments		Apr 2022
Chambers Global Practice Guide : Copyright 2022 Law and Practice	Copyright 2022	Feb 2022
Chambers Global Practice Guide : Digital Healthcare 2021 Q&A - Japan	Digital Healthcare 2021	Jun 2021
Legal Matters regarding Life Sciences and Health Care - Navigation regarding Regulations, Intellectual Properties and Corporate Matters (Second Edition)	Shojihomu Co., Ltd.	Oct 2020
Overview of Intellectual Property Judgments by Japanese Courts in the Second Half of 2018	A.I.P.P.I. Vol.44 No.3 2019	May 2019
The Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Courts in the First Half of 2018	A.I.P.P.I. Vol.43 No.6 2018	Nov 2018
Legal Matters regarding Life Sciences and Health Care - Navigation regarding Regulations, Intellectual Properties and Corporate Matters	Shojihomu Co., Ltd.	Sep 2018
The Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Courts in the Second Half of 2017	A.I.P.P.I. Vol.43 No.3 2018	May 2018
May		
The Patent Litigation Law Review - Edition 1 (Japan Chapter)	The Patent Litigation Law Review - Edition 1	Dec 2017
The Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Courts in the First Half of 2017	A.I.P.P.I. Vol. 42 No.6 2017	Nov 2017
November		
New Commentaries for Patent Law (Second Edition)	Seirin Shoin	Sep 2017
Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Court in the Latter Half of 2016		May 2017
Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Court in the First Half of 2016		Nov 2016
The Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Courts in the Latter Half of 2015	A.I.P.P.I. Vol.41 No.3 2016	May 2016
The Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Courts in the First Half of 2015	A.I.P.P.I. Vol.40 No.6 2015	Nov 2015
International Symposium : Toward the Future of the Judicial System for Intellectual Property - 10th Anniversary of IP High Court of Japan - 3 "Report on Panel Discussion,"	Law & Technology No.69	Oct 2015
Enforcement of Standard Essential Patent	Hanrei Times, No. 1413	Aug 2015
The Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Courts in the Latter Half of 2014	A.I.P.P.I. Vol.40 No.3 2015	May 2015

The Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Courts in the First Half of 2014	A.I.P.P.I. Vol.39 No.6 2014	Nov 2014
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice Second Edition	LexisNexis Japan	Oct 2014
The Overview of IP-related Judgments Handed Down by Japanese Courts in the Latter Half of 2013	A.I.P.P.I. Vol.39 No.3 2014	May 2014
Overview of IP-Related Judgments Rendered by Japanese Courts in the First Half of 2013		Dec 2013
Summary of Japanese Court IP-related Cases Handed Down in the Second Half of 2012		May 2013
"Defense against patent infringement litigation in China," in Intellectual property - Theory and proposal	Seirin Shoin	Dec 2012
Introduction to Japanese Business Law & Practice	LexisNexis Hong Kong	Dec 2012
Overview of Intellectual Property Judgments Rendered by the Japanese Court in the First Half of 2012		Nov 2012
Overview of Intellectual Property Judgments Rendered by the Japanese Court in 2011		May 2012
"Section 3: Patent-Licensing Agreement and Infringement Litigation," in Advance Litigation Course 6 - Patent Litigation Vol.2	Minjihokenkyukai	Apr 2012
Patent Term Extension	Jurist No. 1439	Apr 2012
Double transfer of Invention by Employee to Past and Current Employers	Jurist Additional Volume, No. 209	Apr 2012
Paense against patent infd litigation used to support businesses	Intellectual Property Management No. 736	Apr 2012
Joint Judicial Conference on Japan and U.S. Intellectual Property Rights (2) Indirect Infringement	Law & Technology No.54	Jan 2012
The SL DVD copyright case	Hanrei Times Additional Volume 32	Sep 2011
"Cross License Agreement," "Licensing Agreement and Soft Law," in Legal Counseling for IP Licensing Agreement (Revised Edition)	Seirin Shoin	Jun 2011
Legal Counseling for IP Licensing Agreement (Revised Edition)	Seirin Shoin	Jun 2011
New Commentaries for Patent Law	Seirin Shoin	Apr 2011
IP High Court Case regarding patent term extension	Hanrei Times Additional Volume 29	Sep 2010
"Exploitation of images and names of articles," " Injunction based on statutes and that based on contracts," in Soft law and intellectual property	Yuhikaku	Jul 2010
Work Made for Hire (4) - As a Matter of Duty [Appeal Court Decision of the National Space Development Agency of Japan Program Case]	Jurist Additional Volume, No. 198	Dec 2009
Canon Employee Invention Case	Hanrei Times Additional Volume 25	Sep 2009
"Amendment to add a limitation to a claim and its effect on an obligation under a license agreement," Commentaries to the Supreme Court's Precedents regarding Intellectual Property Law I	Seirin Shoin	Sep 2009
Procedure of Intellectual Property Lawsuit	Seirin Shoin	May 2009
Bioactive Protein Case - Biotechnology Based Medicine and Prior User's Right (Tokyo District Court Judgment issued on March 22, 2006)	Hanrei Times Additional Volume 22	Sep 2008
Getting the Deal Through - Dispute Resolution 2008 (Japan Chapter)		Jun 2008
Smilarity in Service - Career-Japan Case	Jurist Additional Volume, No. 188	Nov 2007
Parameter Case - Parameter Patent and Support Requirement	Hanrei Times, No. 1245	Sep 2007
"Licensing Agreement and Soft Law," "Cross License Agreement," in Legal Counseling for IP Licensing Agreement	Seirin Shoin	Apr 2007
Considerations Concerning Open Source and Disclosure of Source Code - Activities of Open Source Communities, Embedded Linux Product and GPL Ver.3	Intellectual Property Management, No. 675	Mar 2007
Comprehension of Technology for Patent Infringement Litigation	The University of Tokyo Law Review, Vol. 1	Aug 2006
Getting the Deal Through - Copyright 2006 (Japan Chapter)		Aug 2006
Getting the Deal Through - Patents (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Patents	Jan 2006
Getting the Deal Through - Trademark (Japan Chapter)	Getting the Deal Through - Trademark	Jan 2006
"Patent Cross License Agreement," in Theory of Intellectual Property Law and Modern Issues Thereof, the Collection of Papers Celebrating Nobuhiro Nakayama Esq.'s Sixtieth Birthday	Kobundo	Dec 2005
Exploitation of images and names of articles	Soft-law studies No.3, the University of Tokyo Press	Sep 2005
Injunction based on statutes and that based on contracts	Jurist No. 1280	Dec 2004
The case where a district court, examining a patent infringement claim, found that an amendment to the claim made following examined publication constituted an 'amendment which substantially modifies the scope of a claim	Patent Studies No. 38	Sep 2004
IP infringement in China and action therefor	Compliance Letter, Vol. 4	Jul 2004

100 cases on patent	Bessatsu Jurist No. 170	Feb 2004
Decision of the Supreme Court of Japan which Denied Copyright Infringement with Respect to Sale of Secondhand Video Game Software	AIPPI, Vol. 48, No.6	Jun 2003
Arbitration of IP Disputes	NBL, No. 757	Mar 2003
Decision in Aimster Case	The Record	Dec 2002
License Agreement for Invention while Patent is Pending	Patent	Dec 2002
Stream of Patent Infringement Litigation	Japan Institute of Invention and Innovation	Dec 2002
"Measure and Defense against Claim for Violation of Patents," in Practice of Defense Focused on Case Study Series 5 - Anti-Monopoly, Intellectual Properties, Foreign Affairs	Tokyo Horei Publishing	Apr 2002
License of Inventions Covered by Pending Patent Applications	Patent	Dec 2000

## Lectures

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Judicial Symposium on Intellectual Property TOKYO 2017 ~IP Dispute Resolution in ASEAN+ 3 (Japan-China-Republic of Korea)~ Supreme Court, IP High Court, Ministry of Justice, Japan Patent Office, Japan Federation of Bar Associations, IP Lawyers Network Japan	Oct 30 - Nov 1, 2017
Joint Judicial Conference on Japan and U.S. Intellectual Property Rights	Oct 26 - 27, 2011

## Achievements

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Oct 4, 2023	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2023
Sep 14, 2023	asialaw 2023-24
Jul 6, 2023	The A-List: Japan's Top 100 Lawyers
May 5, 2023	Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2023
Apr 20, 2023	The Best Lawyers in Japan™ 2024
Feb 16, 2023	Chambers Global 2023
Jan 11, 2023	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023
Dec 15, 2022	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2023
Nov 5, 2022	Weekly Toyo Keizai –"Ranking of Lawyers Selected by Legal Department Workers 2022"
Sep 22, 2022	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2022
Sep 22, 2022	Who's Who Legal: Franchising 2022
Sep 16, 2022	Asialaw Profiles 2023
Jul 12, 2022	The A-List: Japan's Top 100 Lawyers
Apr 14, 2022	Best Lawyers 2023
May 2022	Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2022
Feb 18, 2022	Chambers Global 2022
Jan 13, 2022	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2022
Dec 16, 2021	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2022
Oct 9, 2021	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2021
Sep 17, 2021	Asialaw Profiles 2022
Aug 3, 2021	The A-List: Japan's Top 100 Lawyers
May 10, 2021	Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2021
Apr 15, 2021	Best Lawyers 2022
Feb 19, 2021	Chambers Global 2021
Jan 13, 2021	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2021
Dec 15, 2020	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2021
Nov 7, 2020	Weekly Toyo Keizai –The Lawyers to Retain -Selected 25 Lawyers by Areas-
Sep 17, 2020	Asialaw Profiles 2021
Sep 1, 2020	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2020
Jul 21, 2020	The A-List: Japan's Top 100 Lawyers
Jun,11 2020	IAM Patent 1000 - 2020 Edition
May 7, 2020	Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2020

Apr 9, 2020	Best Lawyers 2021
Feb 14, 2020	Chambers Global 2020
Jan 20, 2020	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020
Dec 6, 2019	Chambers Asia-Pacific 2020
Nov 29, 2019	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2019
Sep 19, 2019	Asialaw Profiles 2020
Apr 4, 2019	Best Lawyers 2020
Feb 14, 2019	Chambers Global 2019
Jan 17, 2019	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2019
Nov 30, 2018	Chambers Asia 2019
Nov 9, 2018	Asialaw Profiles 2019
Nov 7, 2018	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2018
May 14, 2018	Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2018
Feb 16, 2018	Chambers Global 2018
Dec 7, 2017	Chambers Asia 2018
Nov 29, 2017	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2018
Nov 13, 2017	Asialaw Profiles 2018
Nov 2, 2017	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2017
Aug 2, 2017	Asialaw Leading Lawyers 2017
Mar 17, 2017	Chambers Global 2017
Jan 13, 2017	Chambers Asia 2017
Nov 10, 2016	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2017
Nov 2, 2016	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2016
Mar 18, 2016	Chambers Global 2016
Feb 9, 2016	Chambers Asia 2016
Nov 13, 2015	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2016
Sep 1, 2015	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2015
Mar 13, 2015	Chambers Global 2015
Feb 13, 2015	Chambers Asia 2015
Nov 20, 2014	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2015
Oct 30, 2014	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2014
Oct 30, 2014	Who's Who Legal: Japan 2014
Mar 14, 2014	Chambers Global 2014
Feb 18, 2014	Chambers Asia 2014
Nov 13, 2013	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2014
Mar 21, 2013	Chambers Global 2013
Mar 4, 2013	Chambers Asia 2013
Nov 30, 2012	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2013
Jul 17, 2012	Best Lawyers 2012
Mar 25, 2012	Chambers Global 2012
Feb 24, 2012	Chambers Asia 2012
Dec 13, 2011	The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2012
Dec 8, 2010	Legal 500 2010/2011
Sep 14, 2010	Best Lawyers 2010
Dec 2, 2008	Chambers Asia 2009
Dec 2, 2008	Legal500 2008/2009

## Professional Admissions

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Japan (1994)

Japan Patent Attorneys (2003)

## Professional and Academic Associations

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Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association  
The Japan Patent Attorneys Association

## Languages

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Japanese (first  
language)

English