

Speakers Info

Japan Court



TOKURA Saburo

Justice, Supreme Court

[Education]

Graduated from Hitotsubashi University, Faculty of Law in 1980

[Qualification]

Appointed as a legal apprentice in 1980

[Professional Career]

1982

Appointed as a Judge, and then, assigned to Osaka District Court, Sapporo District Court, Civil Affairs Bureau, General Secretariat of Supreme Court, Personnel Affairs Bureau, General Secretariat of Supreme Court, Tokyo District Court

1992

Judge, Tokyo District Court

1994

Professor, Legal Training and Research Institute

1998

Judge, Hiroshima District Court

1999

Presiding Judge, Hiroshima District Court

2000

Director of the Secretariat, Hiroshima High Court

2004

Counselor, Personnel Affairs Bureau, General Secretariat, Supreme Court

2004

Councilor, General Secretariat, Supreme Court

2008

Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court

2009

Director-General, General Affairs Bureau, General Secretariat, Supreme Court

2013

Judge, Tokyo High Court

2013

Chief Judge, Saitama District Court

2014

Secretary-General of Supreme Court

2016

President, Tokyo High Court

2017

March 14, 2017 Justice of the Supreme Court



OTAKA Ichiro

Chief Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Waseda University

1983

Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)

1998 - 2001

Director, Section No.2, Civil Affairs Bureau of Ministry of Justice

2003 - 2005

Presiding Judge, Osaka District Court

2005 - 2008

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

2008 - 2013

Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)

2013 - 2016

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

2016 - 2018

Chief Judge, Otsu District/Family Court

2018 - 2020

Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

2020 to Present

Chief Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Kyoto District Court, Sapporo District Court, Asahikawa District/Family Court etc.



KANNO Masayuki

Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo

1985

Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)

2008-2012

Councilor, General Secretariat, Supreme Court

2012

Judge, Tokyo High Court

2012-2014

Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court

2014-2016

Director-General, Civil Affairs Bureau and Administrative Affairs Bureau, General Secretariat, Supreme Court

2016-2017

Chief Judge, Utsunomiya District Court

2017-2020

Presiding Judge, Tokyo High Court

2020 to Present

Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Kobe District Court.



ASAI Ken

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo
1991

Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)
1995 – 1997

Official, Treaty Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1997 – 1998

Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations
2007 – 2010

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
2016 – 2017

Presiding Judge, Mito District Court
2021 to Present

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Tokyo High Court, Miyazaki Branch of Fukuoka High Court, Sapporo District/Family Court, Saitama District/Family Court.

LL.M., School of Law, Columbia University



NAKADAIRA Ken

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo
1991

Appointed judge (Yokohama District Court)
1996-1999

Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2001-2005

Judge, Osaka District Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2008-2011

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
2011-2014

Presiding Judge, Oita District Court
2014-2017

Judge, Tokyo High Court
2017-2020

Presiding Judge, Yokohama District Court
2020 to Present

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Kagoshima District Court, Matsumoto Branch of Nagano District Court.



NAKAMURA Kyo

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Hitotsubashi University
1993

Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)
2007 - 2009

Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2013 - 2016

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
2017 - 2019

Presiding Judge, Morioka District Court
2020 to Present

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Sendai High Court, Ichinoseki Branch of Morioka Family/ District Court, etc.



KOBAYASHI Yasuhiko

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Kyoto University
1995

Appointed judge (Osaka District Court)
2005 - 2008

Judge, Saitama District Court
2014 - 2017

Judge, Tokyo High Court
2019 to Present

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, worked at Civil Affairs Bureau of Supreme Court, Civil Affairs Bureau and Litigation Bureau of Ministry of Justice, etc.



NAKAJIMA Tomohiro

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Kyoto University

2000

Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)

2007 - 2009

Government Attorney, Research and Training Institute of Ministry of Justice
(Legal Long-term Expert of Japan International Cooperation Agency for Legal and Judicial System Reform Project in Viet Nam; dispatched to Hanoi)

2009 - 2011

Judge, Tokyo District Court (Administrative Litigation Division)

2011 - 2014

Judge, Sendai High Court, also Professor, Tohoku University Law School (Civil Litigation)

2017 - 2020

Judge, Niigata District/Family Court

2020 to Present

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Miyazaki District/Family Court, Tachikawa Branch of Tokyo District/Family Court.

Visiting Scholar, George Washington University Law School, Visiting Fellow, Federal Judicial Center.



OGAWA Takatoshi

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo

2003

Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)

2010 - 2013

Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)

2017 - 2021

Judicial Research Official, Supreme Court (Civil / Intellectual Property)

2021 to Present

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Kushiro District/Family Court, Ishigaki Branch of Naha District/Family Court, etc.

Visiting Scholar, University of Illinois College of Law, Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute.



TSUNO Michinori

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo

2004

Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)

2007 - 2008

Catholic University Leuven

(Research of EU Law)

2020 to Present

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Tomakomai Branch of Sapporo Family/District Court, Maebashi District/Family Court, Sapporo High Court, Sapporo District/Family Court, etc.



KATSUMATA Kumiko

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Master's Program of Department of Physics, Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo

2007

Appointed judge (Yokohama District Court)

2015 - 2018

Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)

2021 to Present

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Himeji Branch of Kobe District/Family Court, Saku Branch of Nagano District/Family Court. LL.M., Munich Intellectual Property Law Center



MORIFUJI Atsushi

Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate School of Science and Technology (Mechanical Engineering), Waseda University

1992

Joined the Japan Patent Office, Assistant Examiner

1994

Examiner

2008

Appeal Examiner

2020

Presiding Appeals Examiner (Director, 14th Board of Appeal)

2021 to Present

Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court



YAMAGUCHI Kazuhiro

Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Master's Course, Dept. of Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, Tokyo Metropolitan University

1998 - 2004

Patent Engineer, working for an intellectual property service company

2004 - 2019

Patent Engineer / Patent Attorney, working for a patent law firm

2019 to Present

Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court

2006

Registered as Patent Attorney

LL.M. in Intellectual Property Law, Graduate School of Law, Waseda University



KOKUBU Takafumi

Judge, Tokyo District Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Kyoto University

1997

Appointed judge (Osaka District Court)

2005 - 2007

Government Attorney, General Affairs and Planning Department, Research and Training Institute of Ministry of Justice (dispatched to Hanoi, Viet Nam as Long-term Expert of Japan International Cooperation Agency's Project in the Legal and Judicial Field)

2007 - 2009

Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)

2017 - 2019

Presiding Judge, Sapporo Family Court

2019 - 2020

Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

2020 to Present

Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)

In addition to the above, judged cases at Kochi District/Family Court, Ube Branch of Yamaguchi Family/District Court, Sendai Branch of Kagoshima District/Family Court.