

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.

Attorney at Law
Patent Attorney



ARA Tadashi

President, Japan Federation of Bar Associations

Concurrently with dealing with the damage caused by COVID-19 infections, Mr. Ara is committed to various issues including constitutional reform, protection of human rights, improvement of legal infrastructure, abolishment of capital punishment, education in the legal profession/number of lawyers, reform of the criminal justice system and gender equality.

[Brief Curriculum Vitae]

1979

Graduated from the School of Law of Tohoku University

1982

Admitted to the bar and appointed as a legal apprentice (34th)

1993 - 1995

Co-Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)

2006 - 2008

Director-General, Committee on Rights for The Elderly and Disabled, JFBA

2008

President, Sendai Bar Association

2009

Vice-President, Japan Federation of Bar Associations

2009 - 2010

Deputy Director-General, Headquarters for Expediting Reform of Criminal Detention System, JFBA

2009 - 2010

Deputy Director-General, Headquarters for Promotion of Court-Appointed Defense Counsel System, JFBA

2012 - 2013

Secretary General, Japan Federation of Bar Associations

2014 - 2017

Acting Director, Headquarters for Expediting Reform of System for Educating Judicial Officers, JFBA

FY2020 - 2021

President, Japan Federation of Bar Associations



SUEYOSHI Wataru

President, IP Lawyers Network Japan

Born in Tokyo. Graduated from Komaba Toho Senior High School and the Faculty of Law, the University of Tokyo. Registered at Daini Tokyo Bar Association in 1983 (the 35th Term).

Principal Roles & Positions at the iPLNET Japan:

April 2005 – Standing Director

May 2012 – Senior Director

April 2018 – President

At JFBA, Sueyoshi has held the following positions: Deputy Secretary of the Central Board on Promotion of Intellectual Property Rights Policies (June 2002 – May 2009), Chief Secretary of the Committee on Intellectual Property Rights (CIP) (June 2009 – May 2011), Chairperson of CIP (June 2011 – May 2012), Head of the Training and Business Development Project Team of CIP (June 2012 – May 2019), and Head of the Agricultural and Fishery Legal Support Team of CIP (May 2019 –).



HATTORI Makoto

Attorney at Law, JFBA Committee on Intellectual Property Rights

Graduate of the Department of Law, Faculty of Law, Keio University. Admitted to the Japanese Bar and joined Abe, Ikubo & Katayama in 1998. In 2001, he was seconded as Deputy Director to the Intellectual Property Policy Office in the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry under the Act on Officials with Fixed Term of Office. From 2002 to 2004, after completing an LLM at University of Pennsylvania Law School, he worked as a visiting researcher at the Max-Planck Institute for Intellectual Property. He was admitted to the New York Bar in 2003. While working as a professional lawyer, he has been fulfilling various duties including adjunct instructor at the Graduate School of Science and Technology, Keio University (2007 to 2018), adjunct instructor at the Graduate School of Law, Hitotsubashi University (since 2013), and visiting professor at the Graduate School of Law, Kobe University (since 2016). He was appointed Chairperson of the Intellectual Property Center of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations in 2021.

His areas of expertise include intellectual property litigation and contracts concerning patents, copyrights, trademarks and the Unfair Competition Prevention Law. He provides legal advice and consultation on international disputes in a variety of fields that utilize his extensive knowledge as a member of the New York Bar and his experiences studying in the U.S. as well as working in Europe.



SHIGETOMI Takamitsu

Attorney at Law, JFBA Committee on Intellectual Property Rights

[Affiliation]

Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners

[Qualifications]

Attorney at law (Admitted to the Osaka Bar Association in 1999 (51st) and the New York State Bar in 2005)

Patent attorney (2005)

[Main areas of practice]

Intellectual property; dispute resolution; international practice; industries; corporate and M&A; risk management and compliance; life science, pharmaceutical and healthcare

[Education]

1997 School of Law, Osaka University (LL.B.)

2003 University of Washington School of Law (Seattle) in intellectual property (IP LL.M.)

2003 - 2004 Practical training on intellectual property litigation (mainly patent infringement litigation) at Fish & Richardson P.C. (New York, the U.S.) and Bardehle Pagenberg Dost Altenburg Geissler (Munich, Germany)

[Major positions held presently]

October 2019 -

Member, Standing Committee on Standards and Patents, AIPPI

April 2019 -

Outside advisor, Conflict of Interest Management Committee, Institute for Innovative Collaboration Promotion (Collaboration), Oita University

April 2016 -

Adjunct professor, Graduate School of Science, Technology and Innovation, Kobe University

September 2014 -

Adjunct instructor, Osaka University Law School

2013 -

Member, Intellectual Property Center, JFBA



YABE Kozo

Attorney at Law, Patent Attorney, YUASA and HARA

Attorney-at-law/Patent Attorney.

Partner of YUASA and HARA. Admitted to the Japan Bar and joined YUASA and HARA in 1991.

Graduated with an LL.B. (Chuo University) in 1985 and LL.M. (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Law) in 1994.

Mr. Yabe is a former visiting lecturer [Legal Clinic of Intellectual Property] of Chuo University Law School in Tokyo, Japan and former member of the Examiners Board for the Patent Bar Examination [Trademark] at the Japan Patent Office. Currently, Mr. Yabe is Secretary General at the Intellectual Property Center of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, an outside Director of the Board at Nihon Tokushu Toryo Co., Ltd. listed in the first section of the TSE, a member of the Senior Director Board of AIPPI Japan, a Board Member of the Japan Trademark Association and adjunct professor [Doing Business in Japan course] at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Law. His legal practice broadly covers transactions, dispute resolutions and consulting on intellectual property, various types of international transactions for inbound and outbound between Japan and foreign countries, personal data protection and data regulations, general corporate matters including M&A for advanced technologies and brands.



ITAI Noriko

Attorney at Law, Aoki, Sekine & Tanaka law office

Attorney at Law. Graduated from the Faculty of Law, the University of Tokyo. Registered as an attorney (Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association) in 2000 and joined Aoki, Sekine law office. Northwestern University School of Law (LL.M.) in 2008. Admitted to the New York State Bar in 2010.

Ms. Noriko Itai has dealt with consultation, contract negotiations and dispute resolution including litigation on various corporate legal affairs. She is particularly experienced in intellectual property (patent, trademark, copyright and unfair competition) disputes. She has been a member of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations Intellectual Property Center since 2015. She is currently a member of the Intellectual Property Council (2021-).

Member of the Japan Trademark Association

Member of ALAI Japan (the International Literary and Artistic Association of Japan)

Member of International League of Competition Law (LIDC)

**TSUJI Junko**

Attorney at Law, Patent Attorney, Tsuji Law & Patent Office

Graduated from the Faculty of Science, Kyoto University. After working in corporate research divisions, Ms. Tsuji was admitted to the Osaka Bar Association in 2000 and registered as a patent attorney in 2012. As an associate, she represented clients in and outside Japan in intellectual property infringement lawsuits and trials for invalidation in various technical fields. In 2015, she established Tsuji Law & Patent Office. Ms. Tsuji's areas of practice include dispute resolution with respect to intellectual property (such as patents, trademarks and copyrights), licensing and other contracts, and data protection and utilization.

In 2002, Ms. Tsuji completed Intellectual Property & Technology Law LL.M. at University of Washington School of Law (Seattle). From 2003 to 2007, she worked as an adjunct instructor of Management of Technology and Intellectual Property Course at Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine. [Memberships]

2017-

Industrial Property Council, Japan Patent Office

2017-

Intellectual Property Center, Japan Federation of Bar Associations

2019-

Expert Panel on Promotion of the Healthcare Policy, Cabinet Secretariat

**IWAI Kumiko**

Attorney at Law, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune

Kumiko has dealt with both in domestic and cross border legal affairs concerning Japan, China, ASEAN and India, etc., especially handled many IP related cases such as protection, licensing agreements and consulting on IP, also providing consultation to build Open Source Software compliance.

Examiner of National Intellectual Property Management Skills Test

Commission of Software in China, OSS of Software Information Center (SOFTIC) – Member

Lecturer of Graduate School of Yamaguchi University

Keio University (J.D.) (2006)

Soga Uryu & Itoga Law Firm (Tokyo, Beijing and Shanghai Office) (2008-2011)

National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training(INPIT) – Global IP Producer (2011-2014)

Gatmaytan Yap Patacsil Gutierrez & Protacio (C&G Law, Philippines) – Secondee(2016-2018)



KUROSE Masashi

Patent Attorney, Kurose IP Management, President

Registered as patent attorney in 1977, Mr. Kurose visits national intellectual property offices, judicial courts and other administrative organs in Asian countries including China to see how each of these countries manages its intellectual property system. He also gives legal advice to Japanese companies on intellectual property disputes in Asia.

His current positions include part-time lecturer at the Department of Business Law at the Hitotsubashi University Graduate School of Law, Auditor of the Licensing Executives Society Japan (LES Japan), member of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) Anti-Counterfeiting Committee, and member of the trade facilitation committee of the Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA). In 2020, he gave a lecture on the advantages of administrative enforcement actions on counterfeit products in the Training Course on Anti-Counterfeiting Measures for Practitioners held by the Asia-Pacific Industrial Property Center (APIC).

Mr. Kurose is the author of “Intellectual Property Strategy in Asia” (Diamond, Inc.) and “Introductory Handbook on Overseas Anti-Counterfeiting Measures” (JETRO), coauthor of “Asian Countries’ Intellectual Property Systems” (Seirin Shoin) and “Commentary on Intellectual Property Court Cases in China” (Japan Machinery Center for Trade and Investment), and author and editor of “Intellectual Property System and Practice in Russia” (Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry).



TSURUYA Yuji

Patent Attorney, Principal, HARAJUKU SOGO

Professor. Yuji Tsuruya has been Principal of HARAJUKU SOGO (Patent Law Firm in Tokyo) since April 2017. Prior to that, in 2015 he was qualified as an IP Litigation Attorney, and in 2008 was registered as Patent Attorney. He left Japan Patent Office (JPO) in 2008. In the JPO, he was Director, Telephone Telecommunications, Fourth Patent Examination Department, Japan Patent Office (2006-2008), and was Director, Regional Policy Office, International Affairs Division (2000-2002). He also stayed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) (1997-1998) as a liaison officer between the USPTO and the JPO. He also worked as Professional Legal Officer, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, Switzerland (1990-1992). He was Visiting Professor, Graduate School of Innovation Management, K.I.T. Toranomon Graduate School (2005-2019). He received BA from Tokyo Institute of Technology, MA from Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology and BA from Faculty of Law, Chuo University.

Ministry of Justice



TAKASHIMA Norimitsu

Vice-Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice

[Education]

Graduated from the University of Tokyo in 1986

[Professional Career]

Apr. 1989

Public Prosecutor, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

Apr. 1990

Public Prosecutor, Hachinohe Branch, Aomori District Public Prosecutors Office

Mar. 1992

Public Prosecutor, Shizuoka District Public Prosecutors Office

Apr. 1994

Public Prosecutor, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

Apr. 1995

Public Prosecutor, Chiba District Public Prosecutors Office

Jun. 1996

Attorney for Legislative Affairs, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice

Jun. 1998

Deputy Director of the Planning Division, Financial Planning Bureau, Ministry of Finance

Jun. 2000

Attorney for Legislative Affairs, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice

Apr. 2001

Public Prosecutor, Niigata District Public Prosecutors Office

Mar. 2003

Professor, Legal Training and Research Institute

Mar. 2006

Public Prosecutor, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

Apr. 2010

Public Prosecutor, Tokyo High Public Prosecutors Office

Jun. 2011

Counsellor, Cabinet Secretariat (Counsellor, Secretariat of the Investigation Committee on the Accident at the Fukushima Nuclear Power Stations of Tokyo Electric Power Company, Cabinet Secretariat)

Aug. 2012

Public Prosecutor, Tokyo High Public Prosecutors Office

Dec. 2012

Director of the Public Security Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice

Jan. 2014

Director, Trial Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

Apr. 2015

Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice (Deputy Director-General for Policy Planning and Coordination)

Jul. 2017

Chief Prosecutor, Matsuyama District Public Prosecutors Office

Jul. 2018

Public Prosecutor, Supreme Public Prosecutors Office

Sep. 2018

Director-General of the Human Rights Bureau, Ministry of Justice

Apr. 2019

Deputy Commissioner, Immigration Services Agency

Dec. 2020

Deputy Vice-Minister of Justice, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice

Sep. 2021

Vice-Minister of Justice



KUROKI Kota

Professor, Government Attorney, International Cooperation Department,
Research and Training Institute, Ministry of Justice

Graduated from Kyoto University Law School (J.D.)

2013

Appointed judge (Osaka District Court)

2013-2018

Judge, Osaka District Court

2018-2020

Judge, Naze Branch of Kagoshima Family/District Court, Naze Summary
Court, Tokunoshima Summary Court

2020 to Present

Professor, Government Attorney, International Cooperation Department,
Research and Training Institute, Ministry of Justice

Visiting Scholar, Duke University School of Law

Mr. Kuroki, as an International Cooperation Department professor, is working
on legal technical assistance to Asian countries (Bangladesh, Lao PDR,
Indonesia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Uzbekistan) in cooperation with the Japan
International Cooperation Agency (JICA), etc.

Patent Office



MORI Kiyoshi

Commissioner, Japan Patent Office

【Education】

Graduated from University of Tokyo, LL.B., Department of Law in 1986
MPA, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 1993

【Professional Experience】

1986

Joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)

1993-1994

Guest Scholar, Economic Studies, Brookings Institution

2000-2001

Executive Assistant to Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry

2002

Chairman of the Junior Board Meeting for Policy Coordination, METI

2003-2006

Director, Industrial Research, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)
London

2004-2006

Consulting Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry
(RIETI)

2006-2007

Director, International Energy Strategy, Agency for Natural Resources &
Energy (ANRE)

2007-2008

Director, International Affairs Div., ANRE/METI Member, Governing Board,
the IEA (the International Energy Agency)

2008-2011

Director, Middle East and Africa Div., Trade Policy Bureau, METI

2011-2012

Director, Planning Policy Div., Dept. of Natural Resources and Fuel,
ANRE/METI

2012-2013

Director, Trade Finance and Economic Cooperation Div., METI

2013-2014

Deputy DG, Bureau of Trade and Economic Cooperation, METI

2014-2016

DG for International Affairs, Global ICT Strategy Bureau, Ministry of Internal
Affairs and Communications (MIC)

2016-2017

DG for International Cyber Economy Policy, METI

2017- 2019

DG, Kansai Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, METI

2019-2021

Vice Secretary General, Japan Association for the 2025 World Exposition

2021-

Present Commissioner (JPO)



KATSURA Masanori

Director-General, Trial and Appeal Department, Japan Patent Office

1989-2002

Examiner, Telecommunications, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology), JPO

2002-2003

Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO

2003-2005

Deputy Director, Policy Planning and Research Section, Administrative Affairs Division, JPO

2007-2009

Director, Second Research Department, Institute of Intellectual Property

2009-2011

Director, Intellectual Property, National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology

2012-2013

Director, Policy Planning and Research Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department, JPO

2014-2016

Senior Director, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology), JPO

2016-2018

Director, Administrative Affairs Division, JPO

2018-2020

Director-General, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology), JPO

2020-2021

Director-General, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science), JPO

2021-

Director-General, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO



HATTORI Satoshi

Executive Chief Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, Japan Patent Office

April 1988

Joined the Japan Patent Office (Chemical Engineering Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science))

July 2002

Visiting Scholar, the George Washington University Law School

April 2007

Director, Quality Management Office, Administrative Affairs Division

April 2011

Director, Metals and Electrochemistry Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

January 2012

Director, Examination Standards Office, Administrative Affairs Division

July 2013

Senior Director, Organic Chemistry Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

July 2014

Senior Director, Medical Science Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

July 2015

Deputy Director-General, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

April 2016

Chief Administrative Judge, the 22nd Board of Appeal (Pharmaceuticals)

October 2016

Judicial Research Official, the Intellectual Property High Court

October 2019

Chief Administrative Judge, the 17th Board of Appeal (Inorganic and Environmental Chemistry)

July 2020

Executive Chief Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department



HOSHINO Shintaro

Attorney at Law, Patent Attorney, Japan Patent Office

2018

Admitted to the Daini Tokyo Bar Association

2019

Admitted to the Japan Patent Attorneys Association

2020

Joined the Japan Patent Office (Anti-Counterfeit Office)

The Anti-Counterfeit Office is tasked with addressing the infringement of intellectual property rights by counterfeit and pirated goods brought into Japan from abroad. The Office supports the activities of the International Intellectual Property Protection Forum (IIPPF) and has cooperative relationships with the governments of countries in which IP infringement occurs, such as China and countries in Southeast Asia.

The Anti-Counterfeit Office serves as the government's unified contact point for Japanese right holders and provides a consultation service on matters related to counterfeit and pirated goods.