

Attorneys



Name: KOBAYASHI Motoji
Position: President, Japan Federation of Bar Associations

While addressing legal and human rights issues under the Corona pandemic, he has also been working on various issues such as ESG/SDGs, reform and improvement of civil justice, gender equality, diversity and inclusion (D&I), criminal justice reform, disaster management, and human rights protection.

【CV】

1976: Graduated from the Chuo University Faculty of Law
1981: Registered as an attorney (Legal apprenticeship, 33rd term)
2004~2011: Vice-Chairman of the Administrative Litigation Center
2008~2014: Vice-Chairman of the Central Board on Japan Legal Support Center
2011~2016: Secretary General of the Headquarters for the Promotion of Civil Justice Reform
2013~2021: Vice-Chairman, Legislative Task Force Center
2016: President, Tokyo Bar Association
Vice President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations
2016~2018: Deputy Director of the Headquarters for the Reform of the Legal Profession Training System
2017~2021: Acting Director, Headquarters for Comprehensive Civil Justice Reform
April 2022~: President, Japan Federation of Bar Associations



Name: Wataru Sueyoshi
Position: President, Intellectual Property 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 (June 2019 –).



Name: Yasufumi Shiroyama
Position: Partner, Attorney-at-law, Anderson Mori & Tomotsun

Mr. Yasufumi Shiroyama is a partner of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, a general practice law firm in Tokyo comprising over 420 lawyers and patent attorneys. He graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law in 1992 and was admitted to the bar in 1994. He also studied an LLM at the UC Davis Law School. Mr. Shiroyama has focused on domestic and global dispute resolution of intellectual properties in various forms including patent, trademark, copyright and trade secrets as well as transactional aspects of IP such as license and assignment. In addition, Mr. Shiroyama taught intellectual property law etc., at the University of Tokyo, School of Law from 2004 to 2022, and worked as a chairperson of the JFBA Committee on Intellectual Property Rights in 2017.

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Name: Yoshifumi Onodera

Position: Partner, Attorney-at-law, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

Yoshifumi Onodera has been focusing on domestic and international dispute resolutions (infringement litigations, invalidity trials, and appellate litigations), arbitration, and licensing in relation to any kind of intellectual property rights, including patents, utility models, designs, trademarks, copyrighted works and trade secrets for over 20 years since 2000 he admitted to the Daini Tokyo Bar Association. With his background in the fields of chemistry and biology, he has handled matters that require a high degree of technical expertise in various fields of technology, e.g. pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, telecommunication, semiconductor, information devices, software, and game software. He handles a number of IP-related matters (administrative raid actions, opposition procedures, litigation procedures in relations to counterfeit goods and trademark squatting) involving not only Japan, Europe, and the U.S. but also China and other Asian countries).

He has been serving as a member of the JFBA (Japanese Federation of Bar Associations) Committee on Intellectual Property Right and one of officer of the Intellectual Property and Entertainment Law Committee at IBA (International Bar Association) since 2014.