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Name: HAYASHI Michiharu
Position: Justice, Supreme Court

Education: Graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law in 1980

Qualification: Appointed as a legal apprentice in 1980

Professional Career:

1982 Appointed as a Judge, and then, assigned to Tokyo District Court, Civil affairs Bureau, Supreme Court, Private Pension Division, Pension Bureau of Ministry of Health and Welfare, Sapporo District/Family Court

1992 Judge, Tokyo District Court

1993 Counselor, Civil Affairs Bureau, Supreme Court

1996 Director, Second Division, Civil Affairs Bureau, Supreme Court

1999 Director, First and Third Division, Civil Affairs Bureau, Supreme Court

2002 Judge, Tokyo High Court

2003 Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court

2005 Professor, Legal Training and Research Institute

2005 Director of the Secretariat, Legal Training and Research Institute

2009 Director-General, Civil Affairs Bureau and Administrative Affairs Bureau, Supreme Court

2010 Director-General, Financial Bureau, Supreme Court

2013 Chief Judge, Shizuoka District Court

2014 Presiding Judge, Tokyo High Court

2014 Chief Judicial Research Official, Supreme Court

2018 President, Tokyo High Court

2019 September 2, 2019 Justice of the Supreme Court



Name: OTAKA Ichiro
Position: 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.



Name: SHOJI Tamotsu
Position: Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Meiji University

1989 Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)

2002 - 2006 Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)

2006 - 2009 Presiding Judge, Hakodate District Court

2009 - 2012 Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

2012 - 2017 Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)

2018 - 2021 Chief Judge, Mito Family Court

2021 to Present Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

In addition to the above, judged cases at Gifu District/Family Court, Kitami Branch of Kushiro District/Family Court, Tokyo Family Court, Okinawa Branch of Naha District/Family Court, Matsudo Branch of Chiba district/Family Court.

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Name: ASAI Ken
Position: 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.



Name: NAKAMURA Kyo
Position: Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Tokyo University.
1995 Appointed judge (Yokohama District Court)
2005 - 2008 Judge, Oosaka District Court
2013 - 2016 Judge, Tokyo High Court
2019 to Present Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, worked at Administrative Affairs Bureau of Supreme Court, Civil Affairs Bureau of Ministry of Justice, etc.



Name: OKAYAMA Tadahiro
Position: 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 Vietnam; 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.



Name: NAKAJIMA Tomohiro
Position: 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 Vietnam; 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.

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Name: OGAWA Takatoshi
Position: 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.



Name: TSUNO Michinori
Position: 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.



Name: TOYAMA Atsushi
Position: Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Nihon University.
2005 Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)
2014 - 2017 Examiner, Environmental Dispute Coordination Commission
2017 - 2019 Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2022 to Present Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, judged cases at Niigata District/Family Court, Koriyama Branch of Fukushima District/Family Court, Ichinoseki Branch of Morioka District/Family Court.



Name: KATSUMATA Kumiko
Position: 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

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Name: AKITA Masayuki
Position: Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Science (Physics), Kyoto University
1993 Joined Japan Patent Office (JPO), Assistant Examiner
1997 Examiner, Patent Examination Department, JPO
2003 - 2005 Official, Intellectual Property Affairs Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2007 Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO
2015 - 2017 Professor, Graduate School of Law, Tohoku University (Intellectual Property)
2017 - 2019 Director, Examination Standards Office, Patent and Design Examination Department, JPO
2019 - 2020 Chief Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO
2020 to Present Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court
Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Mellon University (Civil and Environmental Engineering).



Name: MITSUMOTO Minako
Position: Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Master's Course, Graduate school of Pharmaceutical sciences, University of Tokyo
1993 Joined Japan Patent Office (JPO), Assistant Examiner
1997 Examiner, Patent Examination Department, JPO
2007 Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO
2016- 2018 Director, Metals and Electrochemistry Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science), JPO
2018 - 2020 Chief Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO
2020 to Present Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court
Visiting Scholar, Harvard University (Biotechnology).



Name: AMANO Takako
Position: Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Master's Course, Graduate school of Pharmaceutical sciences, University of Tokyo
1994 Joined Japan Patent Office (JPO), Assistant Examiner
1998 Examiner, Patent Examination Department, JPO
2019 Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO
2020 to Present Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court



Name: YAMAGUCHI Kazuhiro
Position: 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.