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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, Osaka 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.

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.

Attorneys



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.

Ministry of Justice



Name: TAKASHIMA Norimitsu

Position: Vice-Minister of Justice, Japan

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 Senior 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 Senior 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

Japan Patent Office



Name: HAMANO Koichi

Position: Commissioner, Japan Patent Office

1989 Bachelor's degree, Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo
1989 Joined the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI)
1995-1996 Studied at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris
2007-2008 Director for Personnel Affairs, Minister's Secretariat, METI
2008-2009 Counselor for Personnel Affairs, Minister's Secretariat, METI
2009-2010 Director, Corporate Finance and Tax Affairs Division, Business Environment Department, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency
2010 Director, Industrial Machinery Division, Manufacturing Industries Bureau, METI
2010-2011 Executive Assistant to the Minister, METI
2011 Director, Finance Division, Business Environment Department, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency
2011-2012 Counselor for Energy Policy, Minister's Secretariat, METI
2012-2015 Director, Policy Planning Division, Natural Resources and Fuel Department, Agency for Natural Resources and Energy
2015-2016 Director, Budget and Accounts Division, Minister's Secretariat, METI
2016-2018 Executive Vice President, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)
2018 Advisor, Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC)
2018-2020 Councillor, Cabinet Secretariat, Assistant Chief Cabinet Secretary's Office
2020-2022 Director-General, Kanto Bureau of Economy Trade and Industry, METI
Director-General, Regional Economic and Industrial Policy Group, Economic and Industry Policy Bureau, METI
2022- Present Commissioner (JPO)



Name: YASUDA Futos

Position: Director General, Trial and Appeal Department, Japan Patent Office

April 1991 Joined JPO and worked at the Electric Power Distribution Sub-Division, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)
April 1997 Patent Information Quality Management Office, Patent Information Policy Planning Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department
July 2000 Visiting Researcher, University of California, Santa Barbara
July 2001 Deputy Director, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
April 2003 Deputy Director, General Coordination Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department
April 2004 Examiner, Data Processing Division, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)
April 2005 Deputy Director, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
July 2007 Assistant Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies
April 2009 Director, Examination Policy Planning Office, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
April 2011 Director, Transfer Control Office, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)
April 2012 Counselor, Secretariat of the Intellectual Property Strategy Headquarters, Cabinet Secretariat
April 2014 Director, Examination Promotion Office, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
April 2016 Senior Director, Transmission Systems Division, Patent Examination Department (Electronic Technology)
July 2018 Director, Administrative Affairs Division, Patent and Design Examination Department
April 2020 Director General, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
April 2021 Director General, Patent and Design Examination Department
July 2022 Director General, Trial and Appeal Department (Present)

Japan Patent Office



Name: TAMURA Kiyoko

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

April 1990 Joined the Japan Patent Office (Medical Science Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science))

April 1994 Examiner

October 1995 Administrative Officer, Administrative Affairs Division

December 1998 United States Patent and Trademark Office

October 2002 Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO (the 22nd Board of Appeal)

October 2004 Senior Examiner, Organic Chemistry Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

October 2005 Judicial Research Official, Tokyo District Court

January 2009 Associate Managing Examiner, Medical Science Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

April 2010 Director, Pharmaceutical Compounds Sub-Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

July 2013 Director, Biotechnology Division, Patent Examination Department (Chemistry, Life Science and Material Science)

July 2015 Director, Examination Standards Office, Administrative Affairs Division

July 2017 Chief Administrative Judge, the 24th Board of Appeal

July 2019 Director of the Board of Trial and Appeal, the 25th Board of Appeal

January 2022 Executive Chief Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department