

Attorneys



Name: KOBAYASHI Motoji

Position: President of the 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.

1976: Graduated from the Chuo University Faculty of Law

1979: Appointed as a legal apprentice

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 of the 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 of the Headquarters for Comprehensive Civil Justice Reform

April 2022 to Present President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations



Name: HAYASHI Izumi

Position: President of the IP Lawyers Network Japan

Born in Tokyo. Graduated from the Faculty of Law, Waseda University.

Registered at Tokyo Bar Association in 1987 after working as a prosecutor in the District Public Prosecutor's Office (the 38th Term).

Director of Japan Wheelchair Tennis Association

Principal Roles & Positions at the IPLNET Japan:

April 2005 - Chief Secretary

May 2018 - Senior Director

May 2023 to Present President

At JFBA, Hayashi has held the following positions:

June 2009 - May 2011 Deputy Secretary of the Central Board on Promotion of Intellectual Property Rights Policies

June 2011 - May 2012 Chief Secretary of the Committee on Intellectual Property Rights (CIP)

June 2012 - May 2013 Chairperson of CIP

June 2013 to Present Deputy Chairperson of CIP

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Name: SHIGETOMI Takamitsu
Position: Attorney at law Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners

Affiliation: Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners

Qualifications:

Attorney at law (Admitted to the Osaka Bar Association in 1999 and the New York State Bar in 2005), Patent attorney (2005)

Main areas of practice: Intellectual Property; Dispute Resolution; International Law Practice

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 in the area of patent infringement litigation) at Fish & Richardson P.C. (New York, U.S.) and Bardehle Pagenberg Dost Altenburg Geissler (Munich, Germany)

Major positions held presently:

June 2023 - Chairman, Intellectual Property Center, JFBA

June 2023 - Director, AIPPI · JAPAN

October 2019 - Member of Standing Committee on Standards and Patents, AIPPI



Name: SAGARA Yuriko
Position: Attorney at Law, Partner at Nakamura & Partners

Ms. SAGARA Yuriko is a partner at Nakamura & Partners. In 1999, she obtained Bachelor of Law at the University of Tokyo and was admitted to the Daini Tokyo Bar Association. In 2008, she obtained the Master of Laws (LLM) at Duke University School of Law and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2010. Her main areas of practice include consultation for domestic and international contracts on intellectual properties (IP), as well as patent, design, trademark, copyright and trade secret infringement cases. She also handles domestic and international trademark application services to support anti-counterfeiting measures and licensing in business.

She has been a member of the Copyright Committee of the Asian Patent Attorneys Association (APAA) since 2002, working together with patent lawyers from Asian countries. She served as a lecturer of training courses for new patent attorneys (2010 - 2012) and refresher training (2013 - 2016) provided by the JPAA. Since 2017, she has been a member of the Intellectual Property Center.

Name: KURODA Kaoru
Position: Attorney-at-law, Patent Attorney Abe, Ikubo & Katayama

1996 Obtained B.S. at Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Kyoto University

1998 Obtained M.S. at Chemistry, Graduate School of Sciences, Kyoto University

1998 Admitted to the Japan Patent Attorneys Association

2006 Obtained J.D. at Keio Law School

2007 Admitted to the Japan Federation of Bar Associations ("JFBA")

2011 Obtained LL.M. at University of Virginia School of Law

2011 - 2012 Served as a judicial intern at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

2012 Admitted to the New York Bar

2018 - 2020 A member of Patent System Subcommittee of the Intellectual Property Committee under the Industrial Structure Council

2018 - A member of Design System Subcommittee of the Intellectual Property Committee under the Industrial Structure Council

2019 - A member of JFBA Committee on Intellectual Property Rights

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Name: ONODERA Yoshifumi
Position: Partner, Mori Hamada & Matsumoto

Mr. ONODERA Yoshifumi 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.



Name: KOBAYASHI Hiroshi
Position: Patent Attorney, Partner, IP Prosecution Division, Abe, Ikubo & Katayama

1983: Graduated from Chemistry Department, Sophia University
1983: Itoh & Company
1985: Registered as patent attorney
1987: Joined Dow Chemical Japan
(1988-1990: Dow US Patent Department; 1990- Chief Patent Counsel, Dow Japan)
1993: Joined Pfizer Japan (1995- Chief Patent Counsel)
1994-2001: International Committee Member, Japan IP Association
1997-2001: IP Committee Member, Japan Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association
2001: Joined Abe, Ikubo & Katayama (Partner, IP Division)
2003: Received LL.B. from Chuo University
2004-2006: Councilor, Japan Intellectual Property Center
2005-2013: International Activity Center Member, Japan Patent Attorneys Association
2005-2011: IP Committee Member, Japan Science and Technology Agency
2010-2011: Visiting Professor at Renmin University of China
2022: Received LL.M. from George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School