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Name: MIYAMA Takuya
Position: Justice, Supreme Court

Education: Graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law in 1979
Qualification: Appointed as a legal apprentice in 1980
Professional Career:
1982 Appointed as a Judge, and then, assigned to Tokyo District Court, Hakodate District/Family Court, Secretariat of Environmental Dispute Coordination Commission, Naha District/Family Court
1992 Judge, Naha District/Family Court
1994 Judge, Tokyo District Court
1996 Counselor, Civil Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
2001 Counselor, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice
2002 Director of the Legislative Division, Civil Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
2003 Acting Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice
2004 Assistant Vice-Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice
2008 Director-General of the Judicial System Department, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice
2010 Judge, Tokyo High Court
2011 Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court
2012 Director-General of the Civil Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice
2015 Presiding Judge, Tokyo High Court
2016 Chief Judge, Saitama District Court
2017 President, Tokyo High Court
January 9, 2018 Justice of the Supreme Court



Name: HONDA Tomonari
Position: Chief Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Kanazawa University
1987 Appointed judge (Osaka District Court)
2008 - 2011 Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
2011 - 2016 Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court
2016 - 2017 Presiding Judge, Yokohama District Court
2017 - 2019 Chief Judge, Kushiro District/Family Court
2019 Presiding Judge, Sapporo High Court
2019 - 2021 Chief Judge, Sapporo District Court
2021 - 2023 Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
2023 to Present Chief Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, judged cases at Naha District Court, Otsu District/Family Court, Obihiro Branch of Kushiro District/Family Court, Judicial Research Official, Supreme Court (Civil) etc.



Name: MIYASAKA Masatoshi
Position: Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, University of Tokyo.
1988 Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)
2000 - 2003 Judge, Tokyo High Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2003 - 2008 Judicial Research Official, Supreme Court (Civil/ Intellectual Property)
2011 - 2017 Presiding Judge, Tokyo District Court
2018 - 2020 Chief Judge, Yamaguchi District/ Family Court
2020 - 2021 Chief Judge, Okayama District Court
2021 - 2023 Presiding Judge, Osaka High Court
2023 to Present Presiding Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, worked at Ministry of Health and Welfare (Health Policy Bureau), Deposit Insurance Corporation of Japan, Ishigaki/Hirara Branch of Naha District/ Family Court, Yokohama District Court etc.

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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.



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: MOTOYOSHI Hiroyuki

Position: Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Master's Program, Graduate School of Law, Keio University
1991 Appointed judge (Chiba District Court)
1993 - 1995 Judge, Osaka District Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2020 to Present Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, judged cases at Ashikaga Branch of Utsunomiya District/Family Court, Osaka High Court, Tokyo High Court, Mito Family Court etc.



Name: IMAI Hiroaki

Position: Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Psychology Department, University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law, Kyoto University
1996 Appointed judge (Yokohama District Court)
2001 - 2004 Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2007 - 2010 Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
2013 - 2016 Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2016 - 2019 Presiding Judge, Niigata District Court
2020 - 2023 Presiding Judge, Tokyo Family Court
2023 to Present Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, judged cases at Naha District/Family Court, Sapporo Family/District Court.
Visiting Scholar, The French National School for the Judiciary, Max Planck Inst

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Name: IWAI Naoyuki
Position: Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Tokyo University
1997 Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)
2006 - 2008 Judge, Gifu District Court
2015 - 2016 Judge, Tokyo High Court
2020 - 2022 Presiding Judge, Nagoya District Court
2023 to Present Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, worked at Civil Affairs Bureau of Supreme Court.



Name: MIZUNO Masanori
Position: Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Tokyo University
1998 Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)
2002 - 2004 Official, Second North America Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2004 - 2006 Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the United States of America
2020 - 2023 Judge, Fukuoka High Court
2023 to Present Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, worked at Administrative Affairs Bureau of Supreme Court, and judged cases at Kanazawa District/Family Court, Takeo Branch of Saga District/Family Court, Yokohama District Court.
Visiting Scholar, Southern Methodist University, School of Law. LL.M.



Name: RAI Shin-ichi
Position: Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Tokyo University
1999 Appointed judge (Osaka District Court)
2004 - 2007 Judge, Tokyo District Court (Intellectual Property Division)
2021 - 2023 Judge, Tokyo High Court
2023 to Present Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, judged cases at Toyohashi Branch of Nagoya District/Family Court, Naha District/Family Court (Head Office and Okinawa Branch), Saku Branch of Nagano District/Family Court, Yokohama Family Court.



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

Graduate of Faculty of Law, Nihon University
2005 Appointed judge (Tokyo District Court)
2014 - 2019 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

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Name: AMANO Kenji
Position: Judge, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Arts in Literature, Waseda University
2001 - 2002 Nomura Securities, Co.Ltd.
2006 Appointed judge (Chiba District Court)
2015 - 2018 Judge, Tokyo District Court (IP Division)
2023 to Present Judge, Intellectual Property High Court
In addition to the above, judged cases at Kurashiki Branch of Okayama District/Family Court, Hachinohe Branch of Aomori District/Family Court, Matsudo Branch of Chiba District/Family Court.
Columbia Law School (LL.M., 2010)



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



Name: AKITA Masayuki
Position: Former 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 - 2023.9 Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court
Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Mellon University (Civil and Environmental Engineering).

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Name: MATSUMOTO Naoko

Position: Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court

Graduate of Master's Course, Department of Chemistry, Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo

1993 Joined Japan Patent Office (JPO), Assistant Examiner

1997 Examiner, Patent Examination Department, JPO

2020 Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO

2021 to Present Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court



Name: TAKENAKA Kenshi

Position: Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court

1995 - 2000 Patent engineer / Mechanical engineer, working for a gas appliance manufacturer

2000 - 2022 Patent engineer / Patent and trademark attorney / Partner, working for an IP firm

2003 Registered as a patent and trademark attorney

2005 Qualified as an IP infringement litigator

2022 to Present Judicial Research Official, Intellectual Property High Court