

Attorneys



Name: FUCHIGAMI Reiko

Position: President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations

While working to enhance the human and material resources of family courts, promote gender equality, and realize an optional separate surname system for married couples, she is also involved in supporting survivors and reconstruction efforts in disaster-stricken areas, digitizing civil court procedures, reforming Japan's criminal justice system, and reviewing retrial laws.

Background

1977 Graduated from Hitotsubashi University Faculty of Law

1983 Admitted as an attorney (35th Legal Training and Research Course)

2005–2006, 2008–2012 Deputy Chairman of the Legal Counselling Centers of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations

2011–2015, 2017–2018 Great East Japan Earthquake Nuclear Power Plant Accident Countermeasure Headquarters Committee Member

2012–2014 Director of the Japan Legal Support Center Promotion Headquarters Secretariat

2014–2015

2016–2019, 2022–2024 Deputy General Manager of the Japan Legal Support Center Promotion Headquarters

2017 President of Tokyo Bar Association, Vice President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations

2017–2018 Deputy General Manager of the Emergency Countermeasure Headquarters for Maintaining Legal Training and Research Benefits

2017–2019 Deputy General Manager of the Legal Professional Training System Reform Headquarters

2019–2020 Acting General Manager of the Comprehensive Legal Support Headquarters

2020 and 2021 Secretary-General of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations

2024 and 2025 President of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations



Name: HAYASHI Izumi

Position: President of the IP Lawyers Network Japan

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, Acting Chair of the Council for Promotion of Regulatory Reform
Principal Roles & Positions at the IPLNET Japan

2005 Chief Secretary

2018 Senior Director

2023 to Present President

At JFBA, Hayashi has held the following positions: Deputy Secretary of the Central Board on Promotion of Intellectual Property Rights Policies (2009-2011), Chief Secretary of the Committee on Intellectual Property Rights (CIP) (2011-2012) and Chairperson of CIP (2012-2013) and Deputy Chairperson of CIP (2013-2025).

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Name: SAGARA Yuriko

Position: Attorney at Law, Partner at Nakamura & Partners

Ms. Yuriko Sagara 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 lawyers and patent lawyers from various countries. At the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA), she has served as a member of the JFBA Committee on Intellectual Property Rights since 2017, Chief Secretary (from June 2019 to May 2021), Chairperson (from June 2024 to May 2025), and currently serves as Vice Chairperson (since June 2025).



Name: YABE Kozo

Position: Attorney-at-law, Partner at Midosuji LPC Tokyo Office

1985 Chuo University, Faculty of Law, Department of Law (LL.B.)

1994 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Law (LL.M.)

1991 Admitted to Japan Bar

2001-2021 Partner, YUASA and HARA

2000 to Present Adjunct professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Law

2002 to Present Admitted as a patent attorney in Japan

2005-2009 Adjunct lecturer/visiting lecturer, Chuo University Law School

2012 to Present Senior Director, AIPPI Japan

2022 to Present Partner, Midosuji LPC Tokyo Office



Name: SHIROYAMA Yasufumi

Position: Attorney-at-law, Partner at Anderson Mori & Tomotsune

Mr. Yasufumi Shiroyama is a partner of Anderson Mori & Tomotsune, a general practice law firm in Tokyo comprising over 650 attorneys-at-law. 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. Mr. Shiroyama worked as a chairperson of the JFBA Committee on Intellectual Property Rights in 2017.

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Name: FUJIKAWA Yoshito

Position: Chair of the Committee on Intellectual Property Rights, Japan Federation of Bar Associations

Graduated from Waseda University School of Law. Graduated from Kyoto Institute of Technology Department of Applied Biology.

Registered as an attorney in 1995 (Osaka Bar Association) and joined Yodoyabashi Joint Law Office (now Yodoyabashi & Yamagami LPC).

Registered as a patent attorney in 1997.

Has served as visiting professor and part-time lecturer at Kyoto University Graduate School of Law; specially appointed professor at Kyoto Sangyo University Faculty of Law; and visiting professor at Doshisha Law School.

Vice-President, Osaka Bar Association (2018); Chair, the Committee on

Intellectual Property Rights, Osaka Bar Association (2024); Chair, the

Committee on Intellectual Property Rights, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (2025).

Experience over various cases of litigation, negotiation, and agreement in relation to Intellectual Property Law, such as the Patent Law, the Copyright Law, the Trademarks Law, and the Unfair Competition Prevention Law.

Engaged in litigation, negotiations, contracts, and related matters involving intellectual property—such as patent, copyright, trademark, and unfair competition laws.