

Japan Patent Office



Name: KASAI Yasuyuki

Position: Commissioner, Japan Patent Office

University of Tokyo (Bachelor of Law)
University of California, Berkeley (Master in Business Administration)
1990 Joined Ministry of International Trade and Industry
2009 Special Assistant to Director-General, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
2009 Counsellor, Fourth Department, Cabinet Legislation Bureau
2014 Director, Industry Revitalization Division, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
2015 Director for Industry and Employment, Economic and Fiscal Management Bureau, Cabinet Office
2018 Director, General Coordination Division, Japan Patent Office
2019 Deputy Director-General, Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
2021 Director-General, National Space Policy Secretariat, Cabinet Office
2023 Cabinet Secretariat
2025 to present Commissioner, Japan Patent Office



Name: NONAKA Matsuo

Position: Director-General , Trial and Appeal Department (TAD), Japan Patent Office

1992 Joined the Japan Patent Office (Information Processing)
1996 Patent Examiner (Information Processing), JPO November 1998 Associate Officer, PCT Information Systems Section, WIPO
2001 Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs Office, JPO
2003 University of Washington, School of Law (IP LL.M.)
2005 Deputy Counselor, Secretariat of IP Strategy Headquarters, Cabinet Secretariat
2007 Administrative Patent Judge (Information Processing), JPO
200 Deputy Director, Administrative Affairs Division, JPO
2010 Director for International Affairs, IT Planning Office, JPO
2012 Director, Trial and Appeal Policy Planning Office, JPO
2013 Deputy General Manager, Planning Office, IPCC (Industrial Property Cooperation Center)
2016 Director, International Policy Division, JPO.
2018 Senior Director, Patent Examination Dept. (Electronic Technology), JPO
2019 Deputy Director General, Patent Examination Dept. (Electronic Technology), JPO
2020 Director, Administrative Affairs Division, JPO
2022 Director General, Patent and Design Examination Dept. (Physics, Social Infrastructure and Design), JPO
2025 to present Director General, Trial and Appeal Department (TAD), JPO

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Name: MORIFUJI Atsushi

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

1992 Joined the Japan Patent Office (Motive Machinery Division, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology))
1996 Examiner
2008 Administrative Judge, Trial and Appeal Department, JPO (the 10th Board of Trial and Appeal)
2009 Senior Examiner, Logistics Division, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
2010 Associate Managing Examiner, Textile Processing and Packaging Machinery Division, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
2014 Director in technical affairs, Automatic Control Division, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
2015 Director, Motive Machinery Division, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
2016 Director, Logistics Division, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
2018 Senior Director, Living Appliance Division, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
2019 Deputy Director-General, Automatic Control Division, Patent Examination Department (Mechanical Technology)
2020 Director of the Board of Trial and Appeal, the 14th Board of Trial and Appeal
2021 Judicial Research Official, the Intellectual Property High Court
2024 Director of the Board of Trial and Appeal, the 14th Board of Trial and Appeal
2024 Executive Chief Administrative Judge (current position), Trial and Appeal Department
In addition, he worked at the General Coordination Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Budget and Accounts Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department (Deputy Director), Japan Patent Information Organization (Director of Investigation and Research), IP Promotion Division, Policy Planning and Coordination Department (Director of Patent Information Policy Planning), and KIT Toranomon Graduate School, Kanazawa Institute of Technology (visiting professor).



Name: KUROKAWA Megumu

Position: Patent Attorney, Abe, Ikubo & Katayama Law Office

1985 Technical Advisor, Domestic Patent Firm
1989 Registered as Patent Attorney
2004 Judicial Research Official as the Supreme Court and Tokyo High Court
2005 Judicial Research Official as the Supreme Court and Intellectual Property High Court
2007 to Present Abe, Ikubo & Katayama Law Office
2012 Registered to represent in specific infringement litigation
1998-2004 Candidate for Arbitrator and Mediator at the Intellectual Property Arbitration Center
2009-2010 Chairman of the Patent Committee of the Japan Patent Attorneys Association
2012-2019 Researcher at the Central Research Institute of Intellectual Property of the Japan Patent Attorneys Association
2012 to Present Lecturer, Graduate School of International Corporate Strategy, Hitotsubashi University
2016-2020 Candidate for Technical Advisor of Intellectual Property High Court and Tokyo District Court
2023 -2024 Vice President of the Japan Patent Attorneys Association

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Name: OHNISHI Shogo

Position: Patent Attorney, KSI Partners Law & Patent Firm

1972 Osaka University Received Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering

1972-1982 Komatsu International Harvester Co., Mechanical Engineer

1976-1978 International Harvester Co. (USA), Mechanical Engineer

1982-1987 Associate of YANAGIDA & ASSOCIATES

1987-2024 Founder and Owner of S.OHNISHI & ASSOCIATES

2003-2004 Vice President of the Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA)

2003-2005 A member of the Governmental Committee (the Industrial Structure Council)
organized by the Ministry of Economic and Industry

2015-2018 Director General of the International Activity Center of JPAA

2015-2019 The president of FICPI-JAPAN

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