

Counsel

Michiko Kanai

Osaka Bar Association, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (1990)
Location
Osaka Office

Practice Areas

Corporate and M&A

General Corporate Practice / M&A, Reorganization, and Business Alliance / Private Equity / Corporate Governance/Shareholders Meeting / Venture and Startup Support

Risk Management & Compliance

Corporate Investigation / Product Liability / Global Compliance / Protection of Personal Information

Intellectual Property Law

License and Franchise

International Practice

International Commercial Contracts / North America / Europe / Asia/Emerging Countries Desk / Middle East

Energy and Infrastructure

Electricity / Gas

Industries

Entertainment

Life Science, Pharmaceutical and Healthcare

Research and Development / Business-Academia Collaboration / Marketing Regulation / Cosmetics & Health/Beauty Care Products

Education & Professional Experience

January 2026 -
Counsel, Oh-Ebashi LPC& Partners

April 1998 - December 2025
Partner, Oh-Ebashi LPC& Partners

September 1994 - March 1995
Seconded at Nabarro Nathanson, London, U.K

March 1990
Admitted to the Osaka Bar Association

October 1987
Passed the New York State Bar Exam

1986 - 1987
Visiting Researcher at Harvard Law School

1986
Harvard Law School (LL.M.)

October 1984
Passed the Japanese Bar Exam

1984
Kobe University (LL.B.)

April 1979 - April 1981
Programmer, Woodland K.K., Osaka, Japan

1979
Kyoto University (B.A.)

Activities

2026 - present
Member, Osaka City Hate Speech Review Committee

2024 - 2026
Chairman, Osaka City Review Committee for the Fair Performance of Duties

2022 - 2026
Member, Osaka City Review Committee for the Fair Performance of Duties

2020 - present
Outside Director, As one Corporation

2020 - 2023
President, Osaka City Personal Information Protection Council

2019 - present
Member, Council for Collaborative Educational Curriculum for Graduate Schools of Kobe University

2019 - present
Member, Committee for Proper Performance by Lawyers of Their Duties, the Japan Federation of Bar Associations

2019 - 2021
Member, Expert Committee for the Promotion of Reform of Osaka City Management

2018 - present
Council Member, General Incorporated Foundation Kobe City School Lunch Council

2017 - 2018
Vice President, Osaka Bar Association

2017 - 2018
Executive Director, Kinki Federation of Bar Associations

2016 - present
Outside Director, IDEC Corporation

2016 - 2020
Member, Osaka City Specified Organizations Management Monitoring Conference Committee

2016 - 2019
Committee Member, Osaka City Personal Information Protection Council

2016 - 2018
Committee Member, Kobe City Consumer Claim Handling Council

2015 - present
Outside Company Auditor, Sankyo Seiko Co., Ltd.

2015 - present
Outside Director, Kondotec Inc.

2015 - present
Committee Member, Osaka Waste Management Authority Information Disclosure Review Board

2015 - 2017

Committee Member, Osaka City Public Records Management Committee

2012 - 2016
Committee Member, Osaka City Information Disclosure Review Board

2007 - 2017
Outside Company Auditor, USJ Co., Ltd.

2005 - 2006
Lecturer, International Seminar on Civil and Commercial Law Course, Osaka International Center, Japan International Cooperation Agency (Title: M&A in Japan)

2000 - 2018
Committee Member, Administrative Review Committee, etc., Kobe Consumer Conference

1999 - 2016
Coordinator, Business Law Forum, Kansai Productivity Center

1995 - 2000
Part-time Lecturer, Graduate School at Kyushu University, Faculty of Law, Japanese Case Law and Practice

Publications

2016.08	Safety of Food and Law - Case Study
2013.10	Special Issue to Indonesian Business Law Commentary, Franchise Regulation - Service Industry with more Restrictions on Foreign Investment than Manufacturing -
2009.03	International Commercial Dispute Resolution
2006.04	Guide to International Legal Practice (1) to (11)

Seminars/Lectures

2019.11	Open Symposium: Have Boards of Directors Changed As a Result of the Sudden Increase of Outside Officers?
2016.01	Safety of Food and Law - Case Study
2015.09	Lectures on Promotion of Fair Transactions(September 2015 -)
2014.10	Lectures on the Act concerning Special Measures on the Pass-On of Consumption Tax(October 2014 - March 2015)
2010.11	Relationship between Food and Laws: Food-related Laws
2010.03	Laws and Cases Concerning Health Food
2009.12	Food-related Laws
2008.06	Compliance with Laws and Regulations, and Management
2006.04	Companies Act and New Trends in M&A
2005.12	M&A and Litigation
2004.07	Latest Trends and Ways of Using International M&A
2003.04	Points on Contract Negotiations for M&A
2003.02	Legal Risks of International Agreements - Methods of Negotiation, Drafting and Maintenance of Agreements

Languages

Japanese and English