



Advisor

Wataru Kobayashi

(Not admitted to the bar)

Location

Osaka Office

Professional Summary

Wataru Kobayashi worked at the Japan Fair Trade Commission for many years, where he was responsible for regulating practices under the Antimonopoly Act and the Subcontract Act. He also worked at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Consumer Affairs Agency, where he was involved in the enforcement of the Act on Specified Commercial Transactions and the Act against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations.

Education & Professional Experience

2023

Retired from the Fair Trade Commission

2022

Secretary-General, the Fair Trade Commission

2021

Director General of Economic Affairs Bureau, the Fair Trade Commission

2020

Director General of Investigation Bureau, General Secretariat, the Fair Trade Commission

2018

Deputy Secretary General, the Consumer Affairs Agency

2016

Deputy Director General, Investigation Bureau, the Fair Trade Commission

2014

Director of Personnel Division, Secretariat, the Fair Trade Commission

2012

Director of Management and Planning Division, Investigation Bureau, the Fair Trade Commission

2009

Director of Mergers and Acquisitions Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, the Fair Trade Commission

2006

Hearing Examiner, General Secretariat, the Fair Trade Commission

2004

Director of Consumer Policy Division, Commerce and Information Bureau, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

2003

Director of the Subcontracts Inspection Office, the Fair Trade Commission

1986

Tokyo Metropolitan University (LL.B.)

Joined General Bureau, the Fair Trade Commission (General Affairs Division, Secretariat)

Seminars/Lectures

2024.06.18

【Onsite Seminar: Osaka】 Antimonopoly Law Seminar: Recent Initiatives of the Japan Fair Trade Commission and Actions Required of Business Operators - With Reference to the Initiatives for Realization of a Green Society and Appropriate Price Pass-Through

2024.06.04

【Onsite Seminar: Tokyo】 Antimonopoly Law Seminar: Recent Initiatives of the Japan Fair Trade Commission and Actions Required of Business Operators - With Reference to the Initiatives for Realization of a Green Society and Appropriate Price Pass-Through

2024.05.21

【Onsite Seminar: Nagoya】 Antimonopoly Law Seminar: Recent Initiatives of the Japan Fair Trade Commission and Actions Required of Business Operators - With Reference to the Initiatives for Realization of a Green Society and Appropriate Price Pass-Through