

Counsel

Takashi Koyama

Tokyo Bar Association, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (1999)
New York (2007)
Japan Patent Attorneys Association (2007)
Location
Tokyo Office

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual Property Transactions / Unfair Competition / License and Franchise / Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution

International Practice

International Commercial Contracts / International Dispute Resolution / International Arbitration / Trade Regulations/Rule of Origin / International Commercial Contracts / North America / Europe / Chinese Practice / Hong Kong / Taiwan / Republic of Korea / Asia/Emerging Countries Desk / Singapore / Malaysia / Indonesia / Thailand / Vietnam / Philippines / India / Cambodia and Laos / Myanmar / Australia / Turkey / Middle East / Mexico, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean / Africa

Corporate and M&A

General Corporate Practice / Corporate Litigations, Disputes and D&O Liabilities / Corporate Governance/Shareholders Meeting / M&A, Reorganization, and Business Alliance / Venture and Startup Support

Risk Management & Compliance

Corporate Investigation / Product Liability / Protection of Personal Information / Bribery, Financial and Governmental Regulations / Business and Human Rights

Dispute Resolution

Corporate Litigations, Disputes and D&O Liabilities / Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution / Product Liability / International Dispute Resolution / International Arbitration

Administrative Law

Regulatory and Administrative Regulations

Industries

Entertainment / Information Technology, Internet and Telecommunications / Sports / Environmental Law

Life Science, Pharmaceutical and Healthcare

Research and Development / Business-Academia Collaboration / Marketing Regulation / Labelling and Advertising regulation / Crisis Management / Dispute Resolution / Cosmetics & Health/Beauty Care Products

Personal Data, AI, IT and Digital

Protection of Personal Information and Privacy / Information Security, Cybersecurity / AI, Machine Learning / Digital Law

Sustainability and ESG

Business and Human Rights

Education & Professional Experience

2015.5-2020.5
Director of the Intellectual Property Affairs Division, Economic Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Lead negotiator in the field of Intellectual Property for TPP/CPTPP(TPP11), Japan-EU・EPA, and RCEP negotiations

2007-2015
Wada & Watanabe(formerly: Abe & Matsutome), Partner(2009-)
Ohtsuka Patent Office, P.C., Legal Counsel

2005-2007
Negotiator for Free Trade Agreements(FTAs)/Economic Partnership Agreements(EPAs)(particularly in the areas of intellectual property, investment and competition policy), Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2004
Royal Holloway, University of London(MA in Hellenic Studies)

2003.5-2003.7
IPSI(Intellectual Property Summer Institute), NH, U.S.

2003
Franklin Pierce Center for IP, University of New Hampshire NH, U.S.(formerly : Franklin Pierce Law Center)(LL.M. in Intellectual Property)

1999-2002
Osaka Honmachi Law Office(formally : Higa Law Office)

1997-1999
Legal Training and Research Institute, Supreme Court of Japan

1997
Graduate School of Law, Kobe University(MA in Law)

1995
Kobe University(BA in Law)

Activities

Working member of the “ Study Group on International Intellectual Property Systems ” commissioned by the Japan Patent Office(2024-)

Outside Director, Holoeyes Inc.(2023 to present)

Member of the “ Study Group on Intellectual Property Management of Agricultural Products to Prevent Leakages Overseas ” of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Ministry(2022)

AIPPI(International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property)Standing Committee on IP and Trade(2022 to present)

Conflict of Interest Advisory Board of Kobe University(2022 to present)

Panelist Candidate for JP Domain Name Dispute Resolution, Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center(2021 to present)

Deputy Secretary General, Japan International Dispute Resolution Center(JIDRC)(2021 to March 2024)

Part-time lecturer, Kobe University Law School(2017 to present)

Part-time lecturer, Hitotsubashi University Graduate School of Law(2019 to present)

Part-time lecturer, Kyushu University Graduate School for Law(2018 to 2019)

Working Group member for the development of teaching materials in English on management strategy exploiting intellectual property, commissioned by the Japan Patent Office (2015 to 2017).

Project team member regarding “ Research for advanced regulations of Electronic Commerce in Economic Partnership Agreements(EPAs) ” , commissioned by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry(October 2014 to February 2015).

Working Group member for “ Research and Study on the International Anti-patent Trend ” , AIPPI・JAPAN(September 2013 to February 2014)

Deputy Chairman, Working Group regarding “ Research and Study on FTA/EPA negotiation strategies of Canada, New Zealand, Columbia and Turkey in the field of Intellectual Property ” , commissioned by the Japan Patent Office(June 2012 to February 2013) .

Inspector, General Incorporated Association MAM(2012 to present)

Publications

2026.08.28	Sanctions 2026 - Japan Trends and Developments
2026.04.20	JP-DRP Precedent Review Report (2026 Edition)
2026.02.16	Sanctions 2025 - Japan Trends and Developments
2026.01.26	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides - Japan Investing In
2025.01.10	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides - Japan Investing In
2024.04.10	Foreign Filling Restrictions of Major Countries —Mechanisms to Restrict Foreign Filing of Sensitive Inventions—
2024.01.17	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides - Japan Investing In
2023.11	Inventions Made Across Boarders and the Attachment Foreign Filling Restrictions: Conflicts in the Restrictions and How They Are Handled
2023.08.25	National Security and Business: Conflict of Nations and Regulation of Specific Companies
2023.08.24	Thematic-based: Legal Practice in the Healthcare Business
2022.03	A study of the secret patent systems of various countries, and the introduction of the same system in Japan (No.2)(end)
2022.02	A study of the secret patent systems of various countries, and the introduction of the same system in Japan (No.1)
2021.12	A Detailed Explanation of Economic Partnership Agreements
2021.10	Obligation to Conclude Multilateral Treaties in the Field of Intellectual Property through FTA/EPA - Efforts to Strengthen Protection of Rights and to Achieve International Harmonization of Systems -
2021.03.31	Protection of Geographical Indications under the TPP and Japan-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA)
2021.03.26	Selected Intellectual Property Issues under the TPP and Japan-EU EPA
2020.01	Dictionary of Contract Terms (Revised Edition)
2019.01	Business and IP commitments in Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)
2017.05	JAPAN Section/Protection and Disclosure of Trade Secrets and Know-How
2015.04	The Existence of a “ Dispute ” and the Prima Facie Test for a Tribunal to Have Jurisdiction
2015.03	Handbook on Joint Research and Development Agreement
2015.02	Reading of U.S. Supreme Court Cases: Commentary on Intellectual Property and Business Cases in the 21st Century
2014.05	Document Production Procedure and the Scope of Privilege in Investment Treaty Arbitration
2012.12	Indirect Expropriation, Fair and Equitable Treatment Obligations, and Valuation Standards and Methods of Damages under CAFTA
2011.12	The investment treaty arbitration decision finding that (i) the change of tax scheme after the investments and demands to hire a given level of nationals did not constitute a breach of the Fair and Equitable Treatment (FET) obligations and that (ii) a breach of contract by the central bank constituted a breach of the ‘ expanded ’ FET obligations imported through the MFN clause.
2011.08	Dictionary of Contract Terms
2010.09	Intellectual Property Commitments in Japan's Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs)
2010	Negotiations regarding Intellectual Property in Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs), [1] - [9]
2007.05	Commentary on FTA/EPA Negotiations

Seminars/Lectures

2026.04.08	【Osaka: In-person】Countermeasures by Japanese Companies in Light of Recent U.S. Tariff and Trade Policies
2025.02.28	Adoption of New Treaty on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge and related international discussion
2024.04.27	Trade Agreements and Free Trade in East Asia
2023.09.27	【Online Seminar】Seminar on Legal Practices for Companies Expanding Their Business Abroad (5): National Security and Business (Conflicts between Nations and Regulations on Specific Companies)
2023.06.07～2023.06.08	Workshop on patent information search and Invention business contest
2023.03.14～2023.03.15	Workshop & Invention Business Contest
2023.03.01～2023.03.02	Patent Information Searching Workshop & Invention Business Contest
2023.02.15～2023.02.16	Workshop on patent information retrieval via patent databases for research and development technology
2022.12.05～2022.12.06	Workshop and Invention Business Contest on Patent Information Search
2022.09.08～2022.09.09	Patent Information Search Seminar & Contest - Training on Patent Information Retrieval (Patent Search) and Patent Search Competition on Innovative Technical Solutions for Business -
2022.09.01～2022.09.02	Seminar and Business Invention Competition - Study, Research and Dissemination of Patent Information -
2022.07.22	【Online Seminar】Protection of Intellectual Property Rights in Russia concerning the Rights of Holders in "Unfriendly Countries" - Influence Arising from Russia's Measures against Economic Sanctions -
2022.06.30	Workshops and Contests on IP Information exploitation on IPPLATFORM - Retrieval Education and Dissemination -
2022.03.14	Workshops and Invention Business Contests on Patent Information Retrieval Education and Dissemination
2022.02.03	【Online Seminar】Issues in International Negotiation in the Field of Intellectual Property
2016.11.15	Impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP) on Areas of Intellectual Property
2014.06	Negotiations regarding Intellectual Property in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
2014.04	Background, Current Status and Prospects of Economic Partnership Agreement Negotiations
2014.02	Innovation in Countries in Economic Partnerships as well as the Current Situation and the Prospects for IP Systems
2013.11.28	Negotiations regarding Intellectual Property in Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) of Japan
2012.11.18	Economic Partnership Agreements (EPA) and Intellectual Property

Languages

Japanese and English