



Counsel

## Takeo Matsumoto

Osaka Bar Association, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (admitted in 2012, temporarily deregistered to work as a fixed-term official in 2019, and re-registered in 2022)

Location

Osaka Office

## Practice Areas

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### Intellectual Property Law

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

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### Dispute Resolution

Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution

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### Corporate and M&A

Venture and Startup Support / General Corporate Practice / General Corporate Practice / General Corporate Practice

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### Industries

Entertainment

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### Personal Data, AI, IT and Digital

Data Breach & Incident Response / AI, Machine Learning

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### Consumer Protection

Government Investigations (under the Premiums and Representations Act, etc.) / Consultations on Compliance with Advertising and Labelling Regulations, including the Premiums and Representations Act

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## Professional Summary

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Takeo Matsumoto's practice areas cover general corporate affairs, centering on intellectual property rights. He worked as a legislative affairs official at the Legislative Affairs Office, General Coordination Division of Policy Planning and Coordination Department, Japan Patent Office of the Ministry of Trade, Economy and Industry for three years from April 2019 to March 2022, where he engaged in policymaking relating to the four industrial property right laws, including the amendments of the Patent Act. He provides legal services from a broad perspective, making use of his extensive experience in government agencies.

## Education & Professional Experience

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2019 ~ 2022

Legislative affairs official, Legislative Affairs Office, General Coordination Division of Policy Planning and Coordination Department, Japan Patent Office of the Ministry of Trade, Economy and Industry

2012 ~ 2019

Umeda Sogo Law Office

2011

The University of Tokyo Law School (J.D.)

2010  
Passed the examination for Level-I National Public Employees (Legal Category)

2009  
Kyoto University (LL.B.)

## Activities

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2019 ~ 2021  
Member of the Examination Board, Patent Attorneys Examining and Disciplinary Subcommittee, Industrial Property Council

2017 ~ 2019  
Advisory instructor for students without prior legal education, The University of Tokyo School of Law

## Publications

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2026.04.24	Lexology Panoramic - Designs 2026 - Japan Chapter
2022.10.03	Protection of Image Designs and Spatial Designs - Status and Practical Response after the 2019 Amendment to the Design Law
2022.09.29	A Commentary on the System of Calling for Third-Party Comments (From the Perspective of a Drafter of the Bill)

## Awards

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2011 Excellent Research Paper Award, The University of Tokyo School of Law

## Languages

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Japanese and English