Partner

Yuichi Oda

Tokyo Bar Association, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (Registered as a lawyer of the Osaka Bar Association in 2007 and transferred registration to the Tokyo Bar Association in 2016)
New York State Bar Association (2016)
Location
Tokyo Office

Practice Areas

Competition and Antitrust

Government Investigations / Competition/Consumer Protection Litigation / Merger Control / Government Investigations / Competition/Consumer Protection Compliance

Dispute Resolution

Competition/Consumer Protection Litigation

Intellectual Property Law

Unfair Competition / License and Franchise

Risk Management & Compliance

Corporate Investigation / Corporate Investigation / Corporate Investigation / Protection of Personal Information

Corporate and M&A

General Corporate Practice / Venture and Startup Support

International Practice

International Arbitration

Administrative Law

Administrative Law / Regulatory and Administrative Regulations

Energy and Infrastructure

Renewable Energy / Construction / Infrastructure / Electricity / Gas

Industries

Entertainment / Real Estate

Professional Summary

Yuichi Oda is a partner in the Competition and Antitrust/Consumer Protection practice of Oh-Ebashi's Tokyo office group. Mr. Oda provides counsel in all areas of competition law, such as government investigations, follow-on litigations, and mergers and acquisitions. He has substantial experience defending clients in cartel cases, including investigations by the JFTC and follow-on administrative/private litigations, abuse of bargaining power cases launched by the JFTC. He also has experience coordinating cartel matters and mergers and acquisitions in multiple jurisdictions, including the U.S., the European Union, Canada, Brazil, and Korea.

Education & Professional Experience

March 2026
Hitotsubashi University, Graduate School of Economics, Master's Program in Economics (MA in Economics)

2025 - 2026
Examiner for the Bar Examinations (Competition Law)

September 2015 - July 2016
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, New York

2015
Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (LL.M.)

2006
Hitotsubashi University School of Law (J.D.)

2004
Hitotsubashi University (LL.B.)

Activities

- Japan Association of Economic Law
- Antitrust law Committee, the Tokyo Bar Association
- Real estate law Committee, the Tokyo Bar Association
- International Competition Network(ICN), Non Governmental Advisor (2019-2021)

Publications

2026.05.08	Cartels Laws and Regulations 2026 - Japan Chapter
2025.11.19	PANORAMIC - Government Investigations 2026 - Japan Chapter
2025.04.29	Cartels Laws and Regulations 2025 - Japan Chapter
2024.07.18	PANORAMIC - Government Investigations 2025 - Japan Chapter
2024.07.01	Cabinet Order, Regulations, and Guidelines Released! Toward Practical Compliance with the New Freelance Law that is About to Come into Effect
2024.04.19	Cartels Laws and Regulations 2024 - Japan Chapter
2023.07.28	Getting the Deal Through - Government Investigations 2024 - Japan Chapter
2023.05.02	GLI Cartels 2023 - Japan Chapter
2022.05.21	Understanding the Basics - The Regulatory Framework of Subcontracting-related Laws (Business Homu, July 2022)
2022.05.13	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides - Japan CARTELS
2022.02	Legal Consultation Concerning the Subcontract Act
2021.11.20	Learning from Anti-Monopoly Act Cases Consulted with the JFTC and the Cases of Violation of the Subcontract Act - Practical Points to Ensure Fairness in Inter-Business Transactions (Business Homu, January 2022)
2021.10.05	The Legal 500 Comparative Guides - Japan Merger Control
2021.05	Private Antitrust Litigation
2021.04.16	Learn through Q&A : A Practical Guide to the Subcontracting Act for each Industry
2021.02.01	Were consumer interests unjustly injured? Is the “ Systematic Enclosure ” distorting a competitive environment? The United States authorities have started investigating the actual conditions of transactions. (The weekly magazine, “ Shukan Jutaku, ” issued on February 1, 2021 (the front page), and its online version)
2020.10	Practical Guide to the 2016 and 2019 Antimonopoly Act Amendments
2020.10.21	The Eight Key Points that Should be Immediately Disseminated to Main Subcontracting Entrepreneurs -

	Compliance with the Subcontract Act and the Trends of the Anticipated Law Enforcement during the COVID-19 Pandemic (Business Homu, December 2020)
2019.12.13	The Integral Resort (IR) Business has Started - Matters to Note when Entering Into such Business -
2019.09.26	Characteristics of Competition Law in the Global Economy
2019.07	To Operate a Business Properly - A Review of the Key Points of the Anti-Monopoly Act
2019.07.01	Points to Note in Employing Freelancers from the Perspective of the Anti-Monopoly Act and the Subcontract Act
2018.11	"Seeking Leniency in Japan," Cartel & Criminal Practice Committee Newsletter, Fall 2018
2018.11	"Seeking Leniency in Japan," Cartel & Criminal Practice Committee Newsletter, Fall 2018
2018.10.21	The Milestone No. 4 ofthe Anti-Monopoly Act: Understanding Through Multiplication - The Anti-Monopoly Act and the Code of Criminal Procedure
2018.07.24	Japanese IR (integrated resort) business has finally started
2018.06.15	Unexpected On-site Inspections by the Japan Fair Trade Commission - Actions Required on the Inspection Day
2018.04	Anti-Monopoly Law Issues that HR Persons Should Note – Prompted by the Study of U.S. and Japanese Competition Authorities
2018.03	A Practical Study on the Confusing Relationship between the Obligation to Return the Subject Matter and the Obligation of Restitution under a Lease Agreement
2016.12	Superior Bargaining Position under Antitrust Law

Seminars/Lectures

2025.07.29	【Online Seminar】 Latest 2025 Subcontract Act and Amendment of the Act on the Promotion of Subcontracting Small and Medium-sized Enterprises - Summary of Amendments and Practical Actions to be Taken Toward Enforcement Thereof
2022.07.28	(Online Seminar) The Subcontract Act, the Anti-Monopoly Act, and the Labor Standards Act that Principals Should be Aware of when Entering into an Agreement with and Outsourcing to a Contractor
2022.05.25	Explanatory Seminar on the Subcontract Act as well as the Small and Medium-Sized Subcontractors Promotion Act and the Promotion Criteria Thereunder
2022.04.27	Countermeasures to the Subcontracting Act for Content Creators
2022.03.15	The Subcontract Act Seminar for Companies that Frequently Contract Freelancers - Learning from Practice
2022.02.07	【Onilne Seminar】New Series of International Legal Practice Seminars (6): Overseas JV and Competition Law (Antitrust Law)
2021.10.04	Learning about the Subcontract Act Through Mock Cases - What Would You Do in this Situation? From Review of Contracts to Response to Administrative Agencies -
2020.12.10～2021.02.26	【Online Seminar】 The Latest Revisions to the Anti-Monopoly Act and Practice Thereunder - The Measures that Should be Taken by Companies against the Enforcement of the Revised Act -
2020.05.21	Understanding the Key Points in 60 Minutes - Recent Trends on the Anti-Monopoly Law
2020.01.30	Symposium: Insights into the New Era of Industrial Innovation and Related Legal Issues
2019.11.14	Important Issues in Business Legal Affairs in View of Latest Developments - The 2019 Amendment to the Antimonopoly Act and Practical Response to Investigations by the Japan Fair Trade Commission
2019.11.11	Crisis Here and Now - Business Practice that should be reconsidered in Light of the 2019 Amendment to the Antitrust Law
2018.09.14	【Osaka】The Integrated Resort (IR) Business has Finally Started - Important Points in the Act on the

	Development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas, and Matters to Note When Entering IR-related Business
2018.09.07	【Tokyo】The Integrated Resort (IR) Business has Finally Started - Important Points in the Act on the Development of the Specified Complex Tourist Facilities Areas, and Matters to Note When Entering IR-related Business
2018.06.15	Catching up with the Anti-Monopoly Act -- Centering around Recent Topics
2017.11.28	Current Developments in U.S. Antitrust Laws and Cross-Border M&A ～Consideration for Japanese Businesses: International Cartel Investigations・Litigation・M&A Activities～
2017.08.29	Recent Developments Related to Antitrust Laws and Practical Responses Thereto
2016.12	Risks Involved in Each Phase of Business in Complying with the Antimonopoly Act, the Subcontract Act and the Premiums and Representations Act, and Measures Thereagainst

Awards

- Listed in Lexology Index 2025, Practice Area Report - Competition: Future Leader, National Report / Japan - Competition : Recommended

- Highly acclaimed in the Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2025 in the following practice area:
  ・Antitrust and competition

- Highly acclaimed in the Best Lawyers in Japan 2024 in the following practice area:
  ・Antitrust / Competition Law

- Highly acclaimed in the Best Lawyers in Japan 2023 in the following practice area:
  ・Antitrust / Competition Law

- Highly acclaimed in the Best Lawyers in Japan 2022 in the following practice area:
  ・Antitrust / Competition Law

- Highly acclaimed in the Best Lawyers in Japan 2021 in the following practice area:
  ・Antitrust / Competition Law

- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Japan 2024, Global Guide / Competition Future Leaders - Partners

- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Japan 2024, National Report / Japan - Competition : Recommended

- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Japan 2023, Global Guide / Competition Future Leaders - Partners

- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Japan 2023, National Guide / Japan - Competition

- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Japan 2022, Global Guide / Competition Future Leaders - Partners

- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Japan 2021, Global Guide / Competition Future Leaders - Partners

- Listed in Who's Who Legal: Japan 2020, Competition

Media

2022.06.16
He was featured for his opinion in the news about the “Litigation Against Tabelog” in the programs, “Super J Channel” and “Good! Morning,” of TV Asahi.

2022.03.29
He was featured for his opinion in the news titled, “Is the pork bone broth ramen restaurant, ‘Ichiran,’ violating the Anti-Monopoly Act? Did Ichiran force retailers not to reduce the selling prices of the 490-yen cup noodle and other products?” in the program, “news every.,” of Nippon Television.

Languages

Japanese and English