



Kumpei Ohashi

Tokyo Bar Association, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (2002) Japan Patent Attorneys Association (2006)

New York (2015) Location Tokyo Office

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Restructuring, Rehabilitation, and Insolvency / Restructuring, Rehabilitation, and Insolvency / Bankruptcy and Special Liquidation / Civil Rehabilitation and Corporate Reorganization

Corporate and M&A

General Corporate Practice / General Corporate Practice

Dispute Resolution

Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution / Corporate Litigations, Disputes and D&O Liabilities

Industries

Real Estate / Entertainment

Risk Management & Compliance

Corporate Investigation / Corporate Investigation / Corporate Investigation

Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual Property Transactions / Unfair Competition

Private Practice

Civil Actions and Consultations / Family Practice and Estates / Criminal Defense / Real Estate

Pro Bono Practice

Domestic Pro Bono Practice

Personal Data, AI, IT and Digital

Protection of Personal Information and Privacy / Information Security, Cybersecurity / Data Breach & Incident Response / AI, Machine Learning / Digital Law

Sustainability and ESG

Business and Human Rights

Professional Summary

For around 10 years after registering as an attorney, Mr. Ohashi focused his practice on bankruptcy cases (including civil rehabilitation and bankruptcy trustee cases) and dispute resolution cases (including intellectual property litigations, real estate litigations, etc.), and handled many criminal cases mostly as court-appointed counsel.

After studying in the U.S. for two years, Mr. Ohashi had the opportunity to be involved in many issues related to overseas transactions and business alliances in China, the U.S., Europe, and other countries. Mr. Ohashi focused his practice in the three areas of dispute resolution and prevention, intellectual property, and criminal law (criminal defense, corporate investigation, filing acccusations, etc.), while also handling bar association or government related activities.

In the area of dispute resolution and prevention, he makes particular efforts to acquire and improve his skills such as persuasive writing techniques or cross-examination techniques. He also applys the experience and skills gained in litigation cases to promptly analyzing cases, comparing possible strategies, and presenting these in an easy-to-understand manner, while providing advice on dispute prevention and early resolution (e.g., business negotiations, contract negotiations, settlement negotiations).

Mr. Ohashi also strive to acquire technical knowledge, particularly in the field of information technology, so that he can properly handle cases in which technical matters need to be considered.

Major Cases Handled

Civil Litigation Cases

- Litigations concerning business transactions
- Litigations concerning internal dispute in a business enterprise
- Litigations relating to company law

(Litigations relating to resolutions at shareholders meetings, validity of new share issuance, existence of the status of directors, directors liablitly, etc.)

- Litigations relating to intellectual property law

(Litigations relating to patent, design patent, trademark, copyright, trade secrets, etc.)

- Litigations relating to bankruptcy law
- Real Estate Litigations
- Litigations relating to debt management and collection

Criminal cases

- Financial and economic cases (criminal defense, criminal accusation, internal investigations, etc.)
- Acquitted cases

(abandonment by a person responsible for protection causing death (Supreme Court, 2018), double murder and arson (Tokyo High Court, 2016), smuggling of methamphetamine (Tokyo District Court, 2017), indecent assault (Tokyo High Court, 2016))

Education & Professional Experience

2016

Atsumi & Sakai (2017-2022 Partner)

2014

Columbia Law School (LL.M.)

2012 ~ 2013

Visiting Researcher at New York University School of Law

2004

Matsuda & Partners

2002

Kanto Law Office

1997

The University of Tokyo (LL.B.)

Activities

Bar Examination Examiner and Preliminary Bar Examination Examiner (Criminal Law, 2019 to 2021)

Member of the research team on criminal matters of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (2022 - present)

Publications

2025.11.19	PANORAMIC - Government Investigations 2026 - Japan Chapter
2025.10.21	ICLG - Business Crime 2026 16th Edition - Japan Chapter

2025.10.20	[Round-Table Discussion] Conversation with an Incumbent Judge about the Current Status and Future Outlook of Practical Matters concerning Warrants 3) Extension of Detention, Disclosure of grounds for detention and Bail
2025.07.20	[Round-Table Discussion] Conversation with an Incumbent Judge about the Current Status and Future Outlook of Practical Matters concerning Warrants 2) Detention
2025.04.20	[Round-Table Discussion] Conversation with an Incumbent Judge about the Current Status and Future Outlook of Practical Matters concerning Warrants 1) Arrest
2024.10.17	ICLG - Business Crime 2025 15th Edition - Japan Chapter
2024.10.01	How to Make Cyber Insurance Work for You
2024.08.20	How to handle appellate cases against judgments under the lay-judge system: From the Perspective of Defense
2024.07.18	PANORAMIC - Government Investigations 2025 - Japan Chapter
2024.06.18	Panoramic: Defence & Defen
2024.06.11	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides 2024 - Japan BRIBERY & CORRUPTION
2024.01.31	Does transferring a deposit from a savings account to another account and offsetting it against a loan receivable constitute an act of disposal of property under the provision of Article 71, paragraph (1), Item (ii) of the Bankruptcy Act? – Judgment of the Tokyo District Court on November 9, 2022, The Financial and Business Law Precedents No. 1666, p. 23
2023.10.14	ICLG - Business Crime 2024 14th Edition - Japan Chapter
2023.07.28	Getting the Deal Through - Government Investigations 2024 - Japan Chapter
2023.04.20	How to win appellate cases where defense in the first instance is inadequate
2022.07.01	The Supreme Court Decision on Cyber Security and the Coinhive Case
2019.03	Application of the System for Consultations and Cooperation Agreements in Investigations and Trials, and Defense Practices Thereunder (Part II)
2019.01	Application of the System for Consultations and Cooperation Agreements in Investigations and Trials, and Defense Practices Thereunder (Part I)
2016.03	Defense Activities in Criminal Trials at the High Court and the Supreme Court
2012.04	Credit Facility Management Theory
2007.12	Criminal Defense for Beginners

Translation

How can you represent those people? (co-translation, Gendai Jinbunsha, 2017) Psychological Foundations of Evidence Law (co-translated, Nippon Hyoronsha, 2022)

Affiliation, Certification, etc.

Member of NPO Institute of Digital Forensics (2010 - present) Applied Information Technology Engineer Examination (2022) JDLA Deep Learning For GENERAL (2023) and ENGINEER (2023)

Languages

Japanese and English