Counsel

Junko Tsuji

Osaka Bar Association, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (2000)
Japan Patent Attorneys Association (2012)
Location
Osaka Office

Practice Areas

Intellectual Property Law

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

Life Science, Pharmaceutical and Healthcare

Research and Development / Business-Academia Collaboration / Dispute Resolution / Cosmetics & Health/Beauty Care Products

Corporate and M&A

General Corporate Practice / Venture and Startup Support

Dispute Resolution

Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution

Personal Data, AI, IT and Digital

Protection of Personal Information and Privacy / AI, Machine Learning

Industries

Real Estate / Environmental Law / Information Technology, Internet and Telecommunications

Education & Professional Experience

2015-2026
Tsuji Law & Patent Office

2008-2015
Komatsu Law & Patent Office

2003-2006
H. Okada International Law Offices

2002
University of Washington School of Law (Seattle) (IP LL.M.)

2000-2003
Oh-Ebashi LPC & Partners

1999
Completed three academic years at Osaka University (currently, The University of Osaka) School of Law

1993-1996
Public Interest Incorporated Foundation Osaka Bioscience Institute

1987-1991
Sumitomo Chemical Co., Ltd. (currently, SUMITOMO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LIMITED)

1987
Kyoto University (B.S.)

Activities

2025-present
Expert Member, Agriculture Section of the National Research and Development Agency Council, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

2025-present
Mediator, Arbitrator & Panelists Candidate, Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center

April 2024-March 2025
IP Strategic Producer, IP Acceleration program for Startups (IPAS), The National Center for Industrial Property Information and Training (INPIT)

2024-present
IP Advisor for Subsidized Projects, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

2023-present
Part-time Lecturer of International IP Law, Doshisha University Graduate School of Law

2022-present
Advisor of Training Institute, Japan Patent Attorneys Association

2020-2022
Member, Trial and Appeal Practitioner Study Group, Japan Patent Office

2019-2025
Member, Expert Committee for the Health and Medical Strategy Promotion, Cabinet Secretariat

2018-present
Seminar Lecturer of Patent Infringement Litigations, Japan Intellectual Property Association

2017-present
Member, Intellectual Property Center, Japan Federation of Bar Associations

April 2017-March 2020, April 2024-present
Member, Patent Committee, Japan Patent Attorneys Association

2017-2023
Member, Industrial Property Council, Japan Patent Office

April 2017-present
Member, International Committee, Osaka Bar Association

April 2016-March 2018
Member, Technical Standards Committee, Japan Patent Attorneys Association

2016-present
Support Team for Legal Affairs Relating to Agriculture and Fisheries, Intellectual Property Lawyers Network Japan

April 2016-March 2017
Executive Member, Osaka Bar Association

April 2015- March 2017
Guest Professor, Intellectual Property Center, Osaka University

April 2015- March 2018
Advisor for Measures against Counterfeit Damage, Japan Institute for Promoting Invention and Innovation

2015-2017
Ad-hoc Member, Industrial Property Council, Japan Patent Office

April 2016-March 2017
Vice Chairman, Biotechnology and Life Science Committee, Japan Patent Attorneys Association

April 2013-March 2017, April 2020-present
Member, Biotechnology and Life Science Committee, Japan Patent Attorneys Association

April 2013-March 2014, April 2015-March 2016
Lecturer of Competency Training, Japan Patent Attorneys Association

April 2012-March 2016,
Vice Chairman, Intellectual Property Committee, Osaka Bar Association

April 2007-present
Member, Intellectual Property Committee, Osaka Bar Association

2003-2007
Part-time Lecturer, Course of Management of Technology and Intellectual Property, Kyoto University Graduate School of Medicine

Publications

2026.05.10	A Multifaceted Examination of Legal Practice Related to Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries; Technology and Intellectual Property Related to Trees and Insects
2026.01.30	(Q67) Principle of Territoriality
2025.12.10	Examples of Intellectual Property and Business Strategies for Agricultural and Environmental Biotech Startups
2025.01.20	Article 10 (Orders to Protect Confidentiality); Article 11 (Rescission of Protective Orders)
2025.01.10	Decision of the Court of First Instance of the Unified Patent Court Central Division (Section Munich)on July 16 2024 — A Central Attack on a Patent for an Antibody Drug Characterized by Means
2022.05.30	Chapter 2: Data Transaction Contracts, II. Data Creation Contracts
2020.09.10	Analysis of Domestic Court Cases concerning Inventions Related to Computer Software (CS)
2020.08.13	Consideration on the Bill of the Act Partially Amending the Plant Variety Protection and Seed Act — For the Protection of New Varieties of Plants
2019.12.10	Appropriate Protection of AI and IoT-Related Inventions
2019.09.14	Q21: Protection through Patents in Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, and Food Industries
2019.07.10	A Case in Which Production, Transfer, etc. of Software was Found to Constitute Indirect Infringement of an Invention of a Device (Article 101, Item (ii) of the Patent Act)
2019.05.30	Q13: Inventiveness (4) — Methods of Business; Q42: Application (2) — Supporting Requirements, etc.; and Q76: Terms of Claims
2019.05.10	Analysis of Recent Trends in Case Court Cases Regarding Inventive Step
2018.07.06	7. Multiple Rightholders
2018.05.28	Transfer
2017.09.29	Q81: License (2)
2017.09.29	“ Significant Effects ” in Pharmaceutical Inventions as Seen in Recent Court Cases of Litigation Rescinding JPO's Trial/Appeal Decision Concerning Patent
2015.03.20	Chapter 2: Inoventive Steps in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Fields
2014.11.20	Antibody Drugs: "Correction of Error" in a Claim That Includes Identification Based on Amino Acid Sequence
2014.11.10	U.S. Supreme Court Decision in the Myriad Case and Its Implications
2014.09.05	Article 10 (Orders to Protect Confidentiality); Article 11 (Rescission of Protective Orders)
2013.08.10	U.S. Supreme Court Decision in the Myriad Case (June 13, 2013) — Eligibility of Gene Patents as Subject Matter of Patent Protection
2012.04.11	III-2. Claims by Multiple Rightsholders
2011.10.05	Scope of "Action Involving Patent Right" -- Freezing System Case
2010.11.19	III. Exhaustion of Patent Right — Ink Cartridge Case
2007.06.25	Chapter 3, Section 1, III. Research/Technology Service Contracts
2004.12.01	University-Spin-off Startups and Patent Management: Future Outlook

Seminars/Lectures

2026.02.17	JPAA Symposium Commemorating the 20th Anniversary of the Accreditation System for Conducting Specified Infringement Litigation Representation Services; Pannel Discussion "Recent Intellectual Property Infringement Litigations"
2024.11.15	Decision of the Court of First Instance of the Unified Patent Court, Central division (Section Munich) on July 16, 2024 459505/2023 (UPC_CFI_1/ 2023)
2024.02.29	U.S. Dispute Cases Involving Antibody-Drug Conjugate (ADC)
2023.01.26	Ideal Way to Protect Genetic Resources, Including Plant Varieties
2022.09.26	Fishery IP Event "Current State of Fisheries Industry and Direction of Fisheries Policy, and Latest Trends in IP Protection for High-Quality Strains and Other Fishery Resources"
2021.11.27	IPAJ 19th Annual Academic Conference JPAA Co-Sponsored Session "Protection of Plant Varieties Using Biotechnology"
2021.10.21	Judicial Symposium on Intellectual Property (JSIP) Tokyo 2021 -- IP Dispute Resolution in Asia -- Program by Ministry of Justice: "Civil Suits Involving Trademark Infringement"
2020.11.30	Court Case Study on Invention of Antibody Drugs Defined by Using Functional Descriptions
2019.02.25	MOBIO Seminar: "Legal Questions on IoT -- Points to Note in Using Data"
2018.02.21	JPAA Patent Committee Open Forum 2017: "Points to Note Concerning Patent Specifications Based on Recent Court Decisions -- From the Perspective of Patentability and Fulfillment Theory"
2017.09.08	Points to Note in Non-Disclosure Agreements
2017.07.10	Litigation Rescinding JPO's Trial/Appeal Decision in the Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Fields -- Recent Court Cases
2016.11.29	Technical Standards and Intellectual Property
2016.07.13	Practice of Intellectual Property Infringement Litigation -- Focusing on Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology, and Chemical Fields
2014.10.28	Development of Trade Secret Protection in China
2010.07.22	Intellectual Property Training Seminar Series, 8th Session: "Multiple Rightsholders"
2003.11.26	Industry-Academia Collaboration Seminar, 1st Session: "Infringement of Rights and Litigation"

Languages

Japanese and English