

Partner

Yuichi Urata

Osaka Bar Association, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (2007)
New York (2014)
Location
Osaka Office

Practice Areas

Corporate and M&A

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

Finance and Insurance

Acquisition Finance / Capital Markets / Financial Regulations

International Practice

International Commercial Contracts / International Dispute Resolution / North America / Europe

Employment Law

Employment Consulting / Labor Disputes and Proceedings / Employment Consulting

Dispute Resolution

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

Energy and Infrastructure

Renewable Energy / Construction / Infrastructure / Electricity / Gas

Industries

Real Estate

Life Science, Pharmaceutical and Healthcare

M&A / Health and Nursing Care

Professional Summary

Based in Osaka, Yuichi Urata is a corporate M&A lawyer, with particular expertise in public takeovers, securities regulations, shareholders ’ meeting, shareholder activism, and private equity and venture capital investments. He advises listed and non-listed companies on complex and strategic corporate transactions, both internationally and domestically.

He also assists his clients with employment aspects of commercial transactions, employment advice, investigations, litigation and pensions.

Yuichi has strong sector experience in nursing care, infrastructure, energy, real estate and asbestos.

Education & Professional Experience

2024 -
Examiner for the Bar Examinations (Corporate Law)

2013 - 2014
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (New York)

2013
Columbia Law School（LL.M.）

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

2004
The University of Tokyo (LL.B.)

Publications

2026.07.01	Overview of Acquisition Schemes Using Tender Offers Before and After the 2024 Amendment
2026.06.23	Lexology In-House View : Transaction Structures for Public Company M&A in Japan
2026.05.08	Japan: A Corporate/M&A: Domestic Overview
2025.12	Business Transfer Practices – 2nd Edition
2025.10.09	JAPAN: An Introduction to Corporate/M&A: Domestic
2025.06.23	Lexology In-House View : Transaction Structures for Public Company M&A in Japan
2024.05.08	Lexology In-House View : Transaction Structures for Public Company M&A in Japan
2023.07.03	About the Draft on Guidelines Formulated by the “ Fair Acquisition Study Group ”
2023.04.20	Latest Issues in Legal Practice to Cope with Shareholder Proposals
2022.12.22	Wolf Pack Activism vs. Poison Pill in Japan
2022.12.16	JAPAN: An Introduction to Corporate/M&A: Domestic
2022.05.26	Issues to Note and Practical Responses by Companies Subject to the Transitional Measures Before and After the Market Restructuring of the Tokyo Stock Exchange
2022.01.25	Company and Foreign Investment and M&A Law Guide 2022　Jurisdiction:Japan
2021.12.16	JAPAN: An Introduction to Corporate/M&A: Domestic
2021.10.08	Points to Keep in Mind regarding the Revised Corporate Governance Code
2021.10	Revised Corporate Governance Code
2021.03	COVID-19 and Corporate Legal Affairs – Legal Issues during/after COVID-19
2020.12.24	M&A Law Guide 2021 Jurisdiction:Japan
2020.10	Direct Enforcement of Covenants – With Reference to the Judgment of the Tokyo High Court on January 22, 2020 (p.8, The Financial and Business Law Precedents No. 1592)
2020.09	Doing Business in Asia Pacific - IBA Asia Pacific Regional Forum, September 2020
2020.08.25	Cooperation with the Internal Audit Division and Financial Auditor
2020.03	Practices of the Board of Directors/Shareholders Meetings in Special Circumstances – Activist Shareholders, M&A, Dispute among Directors, and Corporate Scandals
2019.11.26	M&A Law Guide 2020 Jurisdiction:Japan
2019.10	Acknowledged as a contributor to the World Bank Group's Doing Business in Japan 2020
2019.04	Important Points of and Commentary on the Draft Outline of the Amendments to the Companies Act
2018.10	Acknowledged as a contributor to the World Bank Group's Doing Business in Japan 2019
2018.09	Business Transfer Practices – Everything about Legal, Labor, Accounting and Tax
2018.07	Important Points of and Commentary on the Interim Draft of the Amendments to the Companies Act
2018.04	Points to Note in the Ordinary Shareholders ’ Meeting to be Held in June 2018

2018.01	Acknowledged as a contributor to the World Bank Group's Doing Business in Japan 2018
2017.12.18	Disclosure of Individual Voting Records under the Revised Stewardship Code
2017.03	Points to Note in Preparing Annual Reports and Audit Reports for Ordinary General Meetings of Shareholders in 2017
2016.12	Supreme Court Clarifies Fair Price in a Two-Step Merger
2016.04	Things to Know Now: Points to Note in the Practice concerning ‘ Controlling Shareholder's Call Option of Minority's Shares'
2016.04	A Compact Commentary on the Companies Act 3: Company Auditors, Audit Committee Members and Audit and Supervisory Committee Members
2016.04	Acknowledged as a contributor to the World Bank Group's Doing Business in Japan 2016
2014.12	The Next Step In Creating a Culture of Risk Avoidance: Avoid the Creation of Harmful Internal Documents
2012.06	Commentary on United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sales of Goods Vol.12

Seminars/Lectures

2026.07.31	【Online Seminar】Brief Outline of Merger Scheme Using TOB before/after the Law Amendment in 2024
2026.02.06	【Online Seminar】Series of Seminars for Shareholders' Meetings 2026 (from Basics to Emergency Response) (1): Overview of Shareholders' Meeting Practice Based on the Latest Trends, Major Matters of Concern, Discussions on Amendments of the Companies Act etc
2025.09.12	In Pursuit of Beneficial Shareholders
2025.08.28	【Online Seminar】Series of Seminars on M&A in Various Business Fields (13): Agriculture
2025.05.16	【Online Seminar】 Series of Basic Seminars on Renewable Energy (2): Basics of the Right to Use the Site in Power Generation Projects
2025.03.14	【Online Seminar】 Series of Seminars on M&A in Various Business Fields (9): IT/Digital
2023.08.31	【Online Seminar】 Series of Seminars on Latest Court Decisions (22): Family Mart Case where the Court Held that the Fair Trade Value Exceeded the Tender Offer Price- In light of the Effect of the "Guidance for Corporate Takeovers " on Business Practices
2022.11.08	【Onilne Seminar】 "Things You Can Do Now to Prepare for 2023 Shareholders' Meeting" (4): Takeover Defense - In Consideration of the Trends after the Case of Tokyo Kikai Seisakusho
2022.04.22	【Online Seminar】Recent Trends in Hostile Takeovers - Case Studies and a Discussion of the Issues
2021.12.01	【Onilne Seminar】Series of M&A Legal Practice Seminars (4): Legal Practice Regarding Shareholders Agreements and Joint Venture Agreements - Looking ahead toward Enforcement of Obligations and Cases Involving Listed Companies
2021.08.03	【Onilne Seminar】Series of Seminars on Latest Court Decisions (2): Latest Court Decisions on Takeover Defense Measures (Cases of NIPPO LTD. and Japan Asia Group Limited)
2021.01.27	【Online Seminar】Compliance Practice under the Amended Companies Act of 2019 Based on the Amended Order of the Ministry of Justice (Part 1)
2019.07.18	Key Points in M&A - Learning from Disputes
2019.02.28	【Nagoya】Practices to Cope with Activist Shareholders - "Making Necessary Preparation under Normal Circumstances in View of Possible Emergency Actions (If You Want Peace, Prepare for War)"
2018.11.30	【Tokyo】Practices to Cope with Activist Shareholders - "Making Necessary Preparation under Normal Circumstances in View of Possible Emergency Actions (If You Want Peace, Prepare for War)"
2018.11.19	【Osaka】Practices to Cope with Activist Shareholders - "Making Necessary Preparation under Normal Circumstances in View of Possible Emergency Actions (If You Want Peace, Prepare for War)"

2018.08.31	Venture Investment by Business Companies
2017.03	Legal Practices for Annual Shareholders Meetings in 2017 based on Recent Trends
2017.02.17	The Basics of the Legal Practice for Shareholders' Meetings
2017.01.16	Guest Lecturer at "Mergers and Acquisitions Law" course in Doshisha Law School (Fall Semester, 2016)
2015.07	Seminar on the Corporate Governance Code - Best Practices for Complying with the Corporate Governance Code
2012.05.17	Practices in Handling Dissenting Shareholders in a Two-Step Merger

Awards

Listed in Corporate and M&A section in Best Lawyers Japan (2026)
Listed in M&A section as Notable Practitioner in IFLR1000 (2025)

Languages

Japanese and English