



Hikaru Tokuda

principal

Hikaru, a Japanese attorney admitted only in the state of California, the District of Columbia and Japan, concentrates his practice on advising Japanese-owned businesses on M&As, general business matters and complex legal disputes. He represents his clients' interests and provides practical counsel to Japanese management and entities under the supervision of an attorney licensed in Ohio.

Hikaru's primary focus is in M&A transactions where Japanese owned businesses are acquiring U.S. companies. He navigates Japanese clients through the entire process of M&As.

Hikaru's experience includes representing companies in connection with M&As. He assists clients in conducting due diligence in the context of an international merger or acquisition. In addition, Hikaru assists Japanese clients in internal compliance and forensic investigations.

Hikaru also assists clients in the resolution of various commercial disputes. His experience includes a AAA arbitration on behalf of an international consumer electronics company in a multi-million dollar contract dispute with a supplier, which was favorably resolved. Hikaru has also supported several clients in patent infringement litigation and international arbitrations.

In addition, Hikaru regularly provides advice to Japanese-owned businesses with respect to general matters such as formation of their U.S. subsidiaries, working visas for employees from Japan and contract reviews.

Prior to joining Porter Wright, Hikaru was associated with Komatsu Koma Nishikawa and Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu in Tokyo, Japan, and

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EDUCATION

Duke University School of Law,
L.L.M., 2007

Waseda University, B.A., 1996

LANGUAGES

- Japanese, *native*
- Chinese, *reading*

SERVICES

Mergers & Acquisitions

- Transaction structuring
- Due diligence
- Fairness opinions and special committees
- Antitrust and regulatory filings

International Business & Trade

- Sales representation, distribution and licensing agreements
- Antitrust and competition law
- Cross-border litigation and arbitration
- Immigration and cross-border employment

counseled clients with respect to mergers and acquisitions and antitrust laws.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia
- Japan (Bengoshi)

PRESENTATIONS

- “U.S. M&A Laws and Regulations and Risks that Japanese Companies Tend to Overlook,” JETRO Legal Seminar, December 9, 2022
- “Entry to the U.S. Market Through M&As,” JETRO Legal Seminar, May 19, 2021
- “Navigating Employment Issues in the Wake of COVID-19,” Porter Wright, March 24, 2020
- “Visa Issues Under the Trump Administration,” JETRO Legal Seminar, Aug. 29, 2019
- “Antitrust & E-Discovery Issues,” Japanese Business Society of Detroit, Japan Auto Parts Industries Association, Sept. 26, 2014

SERVICES (CONTINUED)

International Business & Trade

- International trade compliance
- International financing, including letters of credit

Automotive & Mobility Emerging Technologies

- International trade
- Startups, business formation and operation
- Workforce management

Business Growth & Operation

- Business transactions
- Compliance, including antitrust, licensing and franchising
- Board and committee counsel
- Business succession planning
- Chemicals

Labor & Employment

- Employment litigation

Immigration

Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- E-Discovery
- Intellectual property litigation

Intellectual Property

- International business and intellectual property

Technology

Environmental

- Chemical industry