



# Hikaru Tokuda

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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 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 the following federal practice areas: antitrust, labor law, federal regulatory compliance, the U.S. Foreign-Corrupt Practices Act and commercial dispute resolution.**

Hikaru's experience includes representing companies in connection with allegations of criminal and civil antitrust violations, including the defense of companies engaged in the manufacture of automotive parts. He also 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 engages in federal regulatory and legal compliance issues. He provides compliance trainings for clients in the areas of U.S. FCPA, antitrust laws and labor laws.

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.

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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

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 Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu in Tokyo, Japan, and counseled clients with respect to mergers and acquisitions and antitrust laws..

#### BAR ADMISSIONS

- California
- District of Columbia
- Japan (Bengoshi)

#### PRESENTATIONS

- “Navigating Employment Issues in the Wake of COVID-19,” Porter Wright, March 24, 2020
- “Visa Issues under 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
- “Recent Issues Regarding Working Visas,” GBQ Seminar, Dec. 5, 2012
- “Legal Knowledge that Japanese Business Person Must Have,” Dublin, Ohio, Oct. 20, 2011
- “Will & Estate 101,” Cleveland, Ohio, September 9, 2011

#### SERVICES (CONTINUED)

##### International Business & Trade

- International trade and customs regulations and compliance
- International financing, including letters of credit

##### Business Growth & Operation

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

##### Labor & Employment

- Employment litigation

##### Immigration

##### Litigation

- Commercial litigation
- E-Discovery
- Intellectual property litigation

##### Intellectual Property

- International business and intellectual property

##### Technology