

Wataru Kamoto

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Tokyo

Biography

When clients need legal advice on cross-border transactions involving Japan, they turn to Wataru Kamoto. Wataru mainly deals with M&A transactions and corporate legal issues but he also covers employment, antitrust and tax areas. He is familiar with the practices used by Japanese listed companies, as well as Japanese regulations on shares. He is known for providing clients with sound strategic advice.

Wataru is a Japanese qualified lawyer (bengoshi), as well as a New York qualified lawyer. He has more than 10 years' experience working for international law firms. He is well-versed on Japanese business practices, as well as international legal practices. With global experiences, Wataru has assisted multinational clients for years in seeking their own business strategies that address compliance and legal challenges. Wataru is business focused. With knowledge and experience in both corporate and tax laws, he has provided clients with sophisticated and business-focused legal advice.

He is an M&A lawyer dealing with transactions in various business sectors and he does not intend to be limited to any specific industry; he has experience in the automotive, autoparts and pharmaceutical business sectors. Wataru used to be an external general counsel for a Japanese subsidiary of a multinational insurance company and, therefore he knows Japanese



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Languages

Japanese
English

Practices

Mergers and Acquisitions
Antitrust and Competition
Corporate
Joint Ventures

Industries

Automotive and Mobility
Consumer
Energy and Natural Resources

insurance business regulations well.

Representative experience

Advising a Japanese company on its joint venture with Japan's largest parcel delivery company.

Advising a Japanese company on its acquisition of its subsidiary.

Advising a U.S. fund on making investments into various Japanese companies.*

Advising a Japanese listed company on a merger control filing in foreign countries.*

Advising a Japanese company on the U.S. anti-trust investigation.*

Advising a global company on dealing with an anti-trust related procedure by the Japanese Fair Trade Commission.*

Advising various foreign companies on merger control filings with the Japanese Fair Trade Commission.*

Advising Japanese companies on their international tax planning.*

Advising a French company on its tax consultation with the Japanese tax authorities.*

Advising a Japanese pharmaceutical company on acquisition of a UK-based global company by way of scheme of arrangement.*

Advising a Japanese listed company on business combination with another listed company.*

Advising a Japanese life insurance company on selling the company to another company.*

Advising a Japanese listed company on making equity investments into an Indonesian non-listed company.*

Advising a Japanese auto-parts manufacturing company on acquisition of a French company's

Life Sciences and Health Care

Areas of focus

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Abuse of Dominance and Restrictive Practices

Shareholder Activism

Automotive Regulatory

Cartel Investigations

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Dawn Raids

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

Leniency Applications

Rail

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Getting the Deal Through: Automotive 2019

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B., University of Tokyo, 1996

LL.M., Taxation, New York University School of Law, 2006

business.*

Advising a U.S. equity fund on exercising its shareholders rights to a Japanese listed company.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Japan's proposed revisions to the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act mark a significant shift in Japan's oversight of foreign investment *Corporate Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Tokyo: Life Sciences and Health Care Horizons 2019
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Antitrust, Competition, and Economic Regulation Quarterly Newsletter - Summer 2019
- Hogan Lovells Events
 - Cross-border M&A: focus on antitrust filings
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises on US\$2 billion financing of Van Phong 1 BOT power project in Vietnam
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - U.S. Department of Justice foreshadows criminal investigations into antitrust violations in public procurement

LL.M., International Taxation, New York University School of Law, 2005

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

Japan - Daini Tokyo Bar Association
