

Kyal Hill

Associate

Tokyo

Biography

As an associate in our Corporate group, Kyal Hill focuses his practice at Hogan Lovells on drafting and advising on technology development and IP licensing contracts.

In particular, Kyal has 2 years' experience working side-by-side with the Legal, IP, and Business teams in one of Japan's leading auto manufacturers, both in-house and off-site. Over this time, he provided assistance in Japanese to engineers for the negotiation, drafting, and reviewing of both routine and complex technology development agreements, written in Japanese and English. He also supported IP staff in contract negotiations for and reviews of cross-border technology transfers and licensing agreements.

Kyal has also spent 18 months involved in global IP enforcement matters, 6 months of which were focused on providing daily and time-sensitive assistance to Japanese clients across various industries to protect their intellectual property and brands.

Before becoming a lawyer, he worked as a Japanese-to-English legal translator for 13 years, including in his own legal translation company. During this time he worked exclusively on Corporate and IP transactional documents, such as share purchase agreements, loan agreements, licensing agreements, and other such



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Languages

English
Japanese

Practices

Intellectual Property
Mergers and Acquisitions
Joint Ventures
Corporate
Commercial

transactional documents.

Having recently moved full-time to Corporate, Kyal is now well positioned to leverage his familiarity with Corporate and IP agreements along with his language ability and IP transactional experience to assist clients on a wide range of commercial and transactional needs in both Japanese and English.

Representative experience

Advising Japanese auto maker in negotiations with a UK engineering firm for the development of fuel cell technology

Advising Japanese oil company in negotiations with a U.S. university for the development and licensing of oil exploration technology

Advising Cornes Technologies in its acquisition of U.S. & Israeli tech companies in the lab-grown diamonds business

Advising Applied Materials on its multibillion-dollar acquisition of Kokusai Electric's semiconductor manufacturing business in Japan

Advising Japanese electrical goods manufacturer in the management of complex litigation concerning counterfeit imports in a South Asian country

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Navigating employment issues in Japan amid the COVID-19 pandemic
- Press Releases

Industries

Automotive and Mobility

TMT

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., University of New England

MAJIT, University of Queensland

B.A., Griffith University

Bar admissions and qualifications

New South Wales

- Hogan Lovells advises Allianz on the acquisition of a majority stake in ControlExpert