

Wataru Kamoto

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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, tax areas, restructuring and insolvency issues, as well as wind-downs and liquidation procedures. 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 20 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 insurance business regulations well.



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Languages

Japanese
English

Practices

Mergers and Acquisitions
Antitrust and Competition
Joint Ventures
Capital Markets
Employment
Corporate Governance and Public
Company Representation
Securities and Public Company
Advisory

Industries

Representative experience

Advising a Dutch subsidiary of a Japanese power on Japanese aspects of financing and project company restructuring matters related to its equity stake in Eavor Erdwärme Geretsried GmbH, a company engaged in developing the world's first geothermal power generation and district heat supply project utilizing the closed-loop geothermal technology.

Advising a large U.S. industrial chemicals manufacturer on its acquisition of a Japanese company specializing in chemical products.

Advising Virbac on its agreement with ORIX Corporation for the €280 million acquisition of its Japanese animal health subsidiary Sasaeah Holdings Co., Ltd.

Daicel Corporation on its strategic investment in PharmaJet, a U.S.-based company that develops needle- and syringe-free device systems for intradermal injections.

Advising Samvardhana Motherson International Limited on its purchase of an 81% stake in Yachiyo Industry Co., Ltd., a TSE-listed subsidiary of Honda Motors Co., Ltd.

Advising Covestro AG, one of the world's leading manufacturers of high-quality plastics and their components, on the sale of its additive manufacturing business to US-Israeli Stratasys Group.

Advised a Japanese consumer technology company on JP¥704 million third party share allotment requiring appointment of third party committee to determine reasonableness.

Advised a Japanese medical manufacturer on the issuance of JP¥4.3 billion third party share allotment requiring appointment of third party committee to determine reasonableness.

Advised a Japanese pharmaceutical company on the issuance of JP¥5.4 billion third party share allotment requiring appointment of third party committee to determine reasonableness.

Automotive and Mobility

Consumer

Energy and Natural Resources

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

Raising Equity Capital

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

Dawn Raids

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Leniency Applications

Rail

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Education and admissions

Education

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

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LL.B., University of Tokyo

Advising Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc. on its acquisition of a 50% stake in a German geothermal power project and a joint venture with Marubeni Corporation.

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.

Represented Synopsys in connection with its acquisition of the semiconductor and flat panel display solutions business from BISTel.

Advising a global risk management solutions company on the wind down and solvent liquidation of operations in Japan.

Advising a global software solutions company on the wind down and solvent liquidation of operations in Japan.

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

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

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

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.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Recommended in Corporate and M&A, *The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific*, 2020 - 2024

Latest thinking and events

- Insights and Analysis
 - FD I didn't know that...

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

Japan - Daini Tokyo Bar Association

- Insights and Analysis
 - FDI didn't know that...
- Insights and Analysis
 - EU Products Law – Third edition
- Webinar
 - Latest Developments of Renewable Energy in Asia-Pacific and Europe
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Virbac on its agreement with ORIX Corporation for the acquisition of Sasaeah
- Press releases
 - FDI scrutiny to increase globally in 2024 predicts Hogan Lovells report