



Counsel

Kumpei Ohashi

Tokyo Bar Association, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (2002)
Japan Patent Attorneys Association (2006)

New York (2015)
Location
Tokyo Office

Practice Areas

Bankruptcy and Restructuring

Restructuring, Rehabilitation, and Insolvency / Restructuring, Rehabilitation, and Insolvency / Bankruptcy and Special Liquidation / Civil Rehabilitation and Corporate Reorganization

Corporate and M&A

General Corporate Practice / General Corporate Practice / General Corporate Practice / General Corporate Practice / General Corporate Practice

Dispute Resolution

Intellectual Property Dispute Resolution / Corporate Litigations, Disputes and D&O Liabilities

Industries

Real Estate / Entertainment

Risk Management & Compliance

Corporate Investigation / Corporate Investigation / Corporate Investigation

Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual Property Transactions / Unfair Competition

Private Practice

Civil Actions and Consultations / Family Practice and Estates / Criminal Defense / Real Estate

Pro Bono Practice

Domestic Pro Bono Practice

Personal Data, AI, IT and Digital

Protection of Personal Information and Privacy / Information Security, Cybersecurity / Data Breach & Incident Response / AI, Machine Learning / Digital Law

Sustainability and ESG

Business and Human Rights

Professional Summary

Kumpei Ohashi is engaged mainly in **dispute resolution and dispute prevention, intellectual property and technology-related matters, and criminal law**, including criminal defense and internal investigations.

His practice covers civil litigation, advisory work for dispute prevention, technology- and information-related legal matters, and criminal cases involving corporate activities.

Dispute Resolution and Dispute Prevention

In the area of dispute resolution, Mr. Ohashi has been involved in civil litigation relating to international transactions, business alliances, and technology-related issues.

Based on his experience in litigation, he also provides advice aimed at dispute prevention and early-stage response, including:

- Analysis of factual and legal issues

- Comparison of possible strategies

- Advice on internal systems, negotiations, contractual arrangements, and settlements

He places importance on organizing complex factual backgrounds and presenting legal issues in a clear and structured manner.

Intellectual Property and Technology-Related Matters

Mr. Ohashi advises clients on a wide range of technology-related legal matters, while continuously developing literacy in areas including information systems, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and semiconductor technologies, supported by formal training and professional certifications in Japan.

His work includes advice on:

- Software, system development, and joint development agreements

- Licensing agreements

- Management of trade secrets and personal data

- Data utilization and cross-border data transfers

He seeks to provide advice that reflects both current laws and regulations and practical considerations.

Criminal Law and Internal Investigations

In the field of criminal law, Mr. Ohashi has handled numerous criminal cases over many years, as well as bar association-related activities, through which he has accumulated substantial experience and knowledge.

He has also been involved in:

- Corporate criminal cases

- Cases with international elements

- Cases involving issues concerning scientific evidence, digital evidence, and technical matters

He applies these experiences to his handling of criminal defense matters and internal investigations.

Major Cases Handled

1. Corporate Transactions and Technology Development

Disputes arising from business alliances and continuous commercial relationships, including claims for payment, confirmation of contractual status, and damages

- Corporate litigation, interim injunctions, and non-contentious corporate proceedings, including:

- Drafting and negotiation of:

- Basic transaction agreements

- International transaction agreements

- Distribution, agency, and franchise agreements

- Product liability-related matters

- Technology development matters, including:

- System and software development agreements

- ASIC / SoC development agreements

- Joint development agreements

- Licensing agreements

- Data- and information-related matters, including:

- Data utilization and cross-border data transfers

- Software copyrights

- Trade secret protection

- Cybersecurity incident response and risk management

2. Intellectual Property Disputes

Patent, design, trademark, and copyright infringement litigation, including applications for preliminary injunctions

Litigation seeking revocation of administrative decisions in intellectual property matters

Unfair competition litigation

3. Real Estate Disputes

Litigation relating to real estate transactions, title transfers, and registration matters, including interim injunctions

Eviction proceedings, rent adjustment disputes, and partition of jointly owned property

Litigation and interim relief relating to customary or communal rights in real property

4. Fraud-Related and Insolvency-Related Disputes

Debt collection and asset recovery, including negotiations, litigation, provisional remedies, and enforcement proceedings

Civil litigation relating to real estate fraud, investment fraud, and other fraudulent schemes, including claims against intermediaries and employers

Insolvency-related litigation

5. Criminal Matters and Corporate Criminal Compliance

Financial and economic crime cases, including:

False statements in securities reports

Insider trading

Market manipulation

Improper loss compensation

Criminal cases under the Unfair Competition Prevention Act, including:

Foreign bribery

Trade secret misappropriation

Criminal cases involving violations of tax laws, customs laws, and lending regulations

Acquittal cases in serious criminal matters, including cases involving allegations of violent crimes and drug-related offenses

Education & Professional Experience

University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law (1997)

Kanto Law Office (2002–2004)

Matsuda & Partners (2004–2015)

Visiting Scholar, New York University School of Law (2012–2013)

LL.M., Columbia Law School (2014)

Atsumi & Sakai (2016–2022)

Partner (2017–2022), Senior Partner (2021-2022)

Counsel, Ohebashi LPC & Partners (2022-Present)

During his LL.M. studies, he participated in an externship program with The Bronx Defenders.

Activities

Bar Examination Examiner and Preliminary Bar Examination Examiner (Criminal Law, 2019-2021)

Member of the research team on criminal matters of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (2022-Present)

Publications

2026.01.20	[Round-Table Discussion] Conversation with an Incumbent Judge about the Current Status and Future Outlook of Practical Matters concerning Warrants 4) Pretrial detention and bail in contested criminal cases
2025.11.19	PANORAMIC - Government Investigations 2026 - Japan Chapter
2025.10.21	ICLG - Business Crime 2026 16th Edition - Japan Chapter
2025.10.20	[Round-Table Discussion] Conversation with an Incumbent Judge about the Current Status and Future Outlook of Practical Matters concerning Warrants 3) Extension of Detention, Disclosure of grounds for detention and Bail
2025.07.20	[Round-Table Discussion] Conversation with an Incumbent Judge about the Current Status and Future Outlook of Practical Matters concerning Warrants 2) Detention
2025.04.20	[Round-Table Discussion] Conversation with an Incumbent Judge about the Current Status and Future Outlook of Practical Matters concerning Warrants 1) Arrest
2024.10.17	ICLG - Business Crime 2025 15th Edition - Japan Chapter
2024.10.01	How to Make Cyber Insurance Work for You
2024.08.20	How to handle appellate cases against judgments under the lay-judge system: From the Perspective of Defense
2024.07.18	PANORAMIC - Government Investigations 2025 - Japan Chapter
2024.06.18	Panoramic: Defence & Security Procurement 2024 – Japan
2024.06.11	The Legal 500 Country Comparative Guides 2024 - Japan BRIBERY & CORRUPTION

2024.01.31	Does transferring a deposit from a savings account to another account and offsetting it against a loan receivable constitute an act of disposal of property under the provision of Article 71, paragraph (1), Item (ii) of the Bankruptcy Act? – Judgment of the Tokyo District Court on November 9, 2022, The Financial and Business Law Precedents No. 1666, p. 23
2023.10.14	ICLG - Business Crime 2024 14th Edition - Japan Chapter
2023.07.28	Getting the Deal Through - Government Investigations 2024 - Japan Chapter
2023.04.20	How to win appellate cases where defense in the first instance is inadequate
2022.07.01	The Supreme Court Decision on Cyber Security and the Coinhive Case
2019.03	Application of the System for Consultations and Cooperation Agreements in Investigations and Trials, and Defense Practices Thereunder (Part II)
2019.01	Application of the System for Consultations and Cooperation Agreements in Investigations and Trials, and Defense Practices Thereunder (Part I)
2016.03	Defense Activities in Criminal Trials at the High Court and the Supreme Court
2012.04	Credit Facility Management Theory
2007.12	Criminal Defense for Beginners

Seminars/Lectures

2025.12.10	IBA Webinar - Rights of the accused: a comparative perspective - Australia, Japan and the US
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Translation

How can you represent those people? (co-translation, Gendai Jinbunsha, 2017)
 Psychological Foundations of Evidence Law (co-translation, Nippon Hyoronsha, 2022)

Recognitions

The Best Lawyers in Japan
 Criminal Defense (2020–2026)
 Corporate Governance & Compliance Practice (2024–2026)

Languages

Japanese and English