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Takahiro Nonaka focuses his practice on global compliance issues including anti-corruption, anti-trust and data privacy, government and regulatory matters including pharmaceutical area and cross-border dispute resolution.

He has represented multinational companies negotiating with government officials and other associated investigative agencies as well as mass media, conducting internal investigations and training, researching relevant regulations/guidelines, drafting internal codes and policies related to areas of Japanese law, including pharmaceutical, privacy, corporate, insurance, intellectual properties and labour.

Takahiro has worked with multinational companies regarding U.S. antitrust law and FCPA, data privacy issues in EU and other jurisdictions, and cross-border disputes particularly related to tort claims and product liability in Japan and U.S. collaborating with counsel in each jurisdiction. He has also assisted Japanese companies expanding their businesses into China, India, Southeast Asia and other countries.

Takahiro began his career as a judge, serving in district courts in Japan for almost ten years. He was seconded to a multinational auto company handling labour matters and training factory workers. He also held a two year diplomatic secondment role at the Embassy of Japan in Washington D.C. where he served as an advisor on issues relating to export controls, competition laws and FCPA enforcement affecting Japanese companies.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Japanese
- English

EXPERIENCE

- Represented major U.S. pharmaceutical companies, major U.S. manufacturing companies, a major European recruiting company, major Japanese manufacturing companies and lead internal investigations into various misconducts including serious crimes by their employees and communicated with government administrative officials on various regulatory issues.
- Represented several Japanese leading auto parts companies and their individuals in connection with alleged international

RELATED SERVICES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Japanese English

antitrust cartel activities.

- Represented major Japanese pharmaceutical companies and a major Japanese automobile company in connection with product liability litigations in the U.S.
- Represented a major U.S. manufacturing company for leading litigation disputed over setting aside an arbitral award and successfully obtained a favorable, huge settlement amount for compensation.
- Represented Japanese subsidiaries of major U.S. manufacturing companies, a major Chinese manufacturing company and Japanese companies/entities in a considerable amount of labour disputes.
- Represented a U.S. manufacturing company in damage claims disputes including commercial arbitration with a major Japanese manufacturing company arose from dissolution of joint venture agreement.
- Represented various major Japanese manufacturing companies and entities in tort claims including fraudulent claims related to anti-corruption, defamation by members of labour unions and successfully resolved cases with settlements advantageous to clients.
- Represented major Japanese manufacturing companies and major Japanese pharmaceutical companies establishing compliance system regarding global data privacy scheme.
- Represented Japanese major manufacturing companies, Japanese subsidiaries of major U.S. manufacturing companies, a major European pharmaceutical company and a major European infrastructure company establishing compliance system regarding anti-corruption, anti-competition, anti-social forces, civil enforcement, data security, documents preservation and various kinds of labour issues.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Bengoshi registered with the Daini Tokyo Bar Association

Prior Experience

- 2010-2016: US-based international law firm
- 2006-2008: Seconded to the Embassy of Japan in Washington, D.C., handled FCPA/anti-trust issues, export controls toward China, India and Southeast Asia and legal actions against Japanese companies as a diplomat
- 2003-2004: Seconded to a leading Japanese motor company and worked in the human resources department and handled labour matters, as well as the training of factory employees
- 2000-2010: Judge of the District Court in Tokyo, Nagoya and Kochi, and the Family Court in Tokyo and Nagoya; presided over and mediated cases involving civil and administrative matters, including those relating to medicine, mal-practice of doctors, disclosure and privacy, defamation, labour, corporate law, intellectual property, civil enforcement, criminal and family cases

Education

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., 2011
- The University of Tokyo, LL.B., 1998

Memberships

- The Daini Tokyo Bar Association, Data Privacy Committee

INSIGHTS

Publications

- "The Law Practice of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics" (written under joint authorship with other lawyers), *Keisou Shobou*, March 2019
- "The Privacy, Data Protection and Cybersecurity Law Review" (written under joint authorship with other lawyers), *Law Business Research*
- "Q&A of the Revised Japanese Act on the Protection of Personal Information" (written under joint authorship with other lawyers), *Shin-Nihon Houki*
- "Practice of Anti-corruption in China", *Business Legal Magazine (The Lawyers)*, October 2014
- "Practice of Civil Enforcement" (written under joint authorship with other lawyers), *Kinzai*
- "Introduction of Newest Practical Cases of Civil Enforcement" (written under joint authorship with other judges), *Hanrei-Times*
- "Practice of Estate and Inheritance" (written under joint authorship with other lawyers), *Shin-Nihon Houki*

Events

Taka has often been invited to speak at seminars held by outside organization and internally with our partners from other offices. Examples of his seminar activities are below:

- Presented at the International Arbitration Seminar for Japanese construction companies, 28 February 2019/2018
- Presented at a seminar regarding investigation and litigation practice in US from the perspective of Japanese attorneys, November 2018
- Presented at an Asian Investigation Seminar, October 2018
- Video Presentation on Developments in Asbestos Litigation for global insurance companies, 14 June 2018
- Moderate a global anti-trust seminar, 17 May 2018
- Presented at an internal seminar to Japanese automobile companies (Open Source Software seminar), 6 April 2018
- Spoke at Japan Pharmaceutical Industry Legal Affairs Association (global compliance seminar), 1 March 2018
- "Global compliance issues", Kinyu Zaimu Kenkyukai, March and May 2016

NEWS

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

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DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.
