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Our Practice Capabilities

- One of the oldest established Japan practices for a U.S. law firm (since the 1930s).
- Practice lawyers located around the world—Japan, China, the Middle East, the United Kingdom and the United States.
- Team consists of lawyers and staff fluent in English and Japanese, both in language and culture, in multiple offices.
- Strong reputation as experienced and responsive advisers to Japanese companies and multinationals in a range of areas.
- Voted by Japanese companies as one of the top seven U.S. firms for overseas legal issues in a survey conducted by Nikkei.

Banking and Finance

Our clients include commercial banks, investment banks, private equity funds, hedge funds, and public and private Japanese companies. We serve their needs across the spectrum of financing transactions.

Corporate, M&A and Commercial

We assist companies in cross-border M&A, venture capital, joint ventures, strategic alliances and other commercial arrangements.

Intellectual Property

Clients look to us in developing comprehensive IP strategies, including protecting, managing, asserting, defending and leveraging patents, trademarks, service marks, copyrights, trade secrets and other IP assets.

Dispute Resolution

We represent clients in cross-border high-stake litigation, arbitration and investigations in the U.S. and around the world. Our lawyers handle complex disputes, matters of public interest, sweeping e-discovery requests and other assignments, including cartel, FCPA, AML, and other investigations.

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Clients turn to us when they face catastrophic financial and reputational loss associated with a crisis, requiring a multidisciplinary response involving public relations, government responses, litigation, contractual analysis and other related experience. We also prepare clients to be ready for unexpected crises with our unique crisis management model.

Energy, Real Estate, and Infrastructure Project Development and Financing

Our lawyers assist clients developing and financing of domestic and cross-border energy and infrastructure projects in the transport, power, water, LNG, chemicals and petrochemicals, and oil and gas sectors. The team includes lawyers dedicated to EPC and O&M work.

Regulatory

Our lawyers help clients ensure they understand the implications of government programs. We ensure compliance with existing rules while anticipating new developments prompted by international turmoil, technological advances or changing worldviews.

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