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Languages spoken

English | Japanese



About Mörk

Mörk Murdock has extensive experience acting on cross-border acquisitions and transactions, advising Japanese multinational companies on corporate, M&A and Capital Markets transactions, as well as US securities law compliance and regulatory matters.

His clients include leading Japanese trading houses, pharmaceutical, technology and industrial clients.

For M&A, Mörk advises on cross-border mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, strategic alliances and joint ventures, including on investments in US public companies. Mörk also advises pharmaceutical companies on cross-border patent license, joint development and commercialization agreements.

For capital markets, Mörk has advised US-listed Japanese companies on ongoing US securities law compliance, selling shareholders in a global initial public offering (IPO) and Japanese, Southeast Asian and Australian companies on exempt private offerings of securities. Mörk also assists multinational companies with analysis of Japan Foreign Direct Investment filing requirements with respect to cross-border transactions.

Prior to joining our Tokyo office, he led the Japan M&A practice for a global law firm in Tokyo. Mörk is a member of the Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association.

Since 2019, Mörk has served as an adjunct professor in Hitotsubashi University's graduate school program in business law, teaching a class on International M&A.

Experience

- Advising a Japanese trading house on strategic investments and other transactions with US companies in the life science, insurance technology, information technology and industrial recycling sectors.
- Advising a Japanese investment fund on its Japan joint ventures with leading international Software as a Service (SaaS) companies.

- Advising a leading Japanese industrial company on its carve-out divestitures of two of its auto parts businesses.
- Advising a Japanese company on the sale of its US subsidiary in US bankruptcy proceedings.
- Advising Japanese pharmaceutical companies on their cross-border license and strategic alliance transactions.
- Advising a UK company that operates a platform for the resale of electronics parts on the establishment and restructuring of its Japanese joint venture company.
- Advising a NASDAQ-listed Japanese fin-tech company on its US securities law compliance and subsequent de-listing.
- Advising a leading Japanese information technology on the establishment of its Vietnam joint venture.
- Advising a leading Japanese energy company on supply and off-take agreements with a US-based global oil company.
- Advising Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group on compliance matters related to its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) listed Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registered securities.
- Advising several Japanese companies that are registered with the SEC on their filings and responses to SEC comments in respect of their annual reports filed on Form 20-F and periodic reports on Form 6-K, including: Canon, ORIX, Sumitomo Mitsui Financial Group, Hitachi and Tokio Marine Holdings.
- Advising ORIX on its registered debt offering filed on Form F-3.
- Review of and advice to clients with respect to disclosure in registration statements filed on Form F-4 for Japanese business combination transactions.
- Advising on Mitsubishi Tanabe's acquisition of the Israeli company NeuroDerm
- Advising on Valeo's partial tender offer for Ichikoh Industries.
- Advising on Dai-ichi Life's strategic alliance with asset manager Janus Henderson Global Investors.
- Advising on Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank's acquisition of Citi Cards Japan.
- Advising on Shionogi's strategic collaborations with Sage Pharmaceuticals and Egalet and acquisition of Sciele Pharma.
- Advising on Nidec's acquisition of Honda elesys from Honda.
- Advising on Daikin's acquisition of Goodman Global from affiliates of Hellman & Friedman.
- Advising on NEC's acquisition of the information management business of Convergys.
- Advising on Toyo Seikan's acquisition of Stolle Machinery from GSO Capital Partners.
- Advising on Morgan Stanley Securities' joint venture in Japan with MUFG.

Credentials

Education

- University of Washington School of Law, J.D., 2004
- Stanford University, M.S., Environmental Engineering, 1996

- Stanford University, B.S., Civil Engineering, 1995

Admissions

- Japan (gaikokuho jimu bengoshi), 2012
- New York, 2005

Recognitions

- Notable practitioner in *IFLR1000* for Japan M&A and debt and equity capital markets 2018 to present
- Leading partner: foreign lawyer in *Legal 500* for Japan Corporate and M&A 2018 to present

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Capital Markets
- Private Equity

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