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Languages spoken

English | Japanese



About Noriyuki

Noriyuki “Nori” Shimoda is a seasoned legal advisor with a deep focus on guiding Japan-based clients through the complexities of doing business in the United States. His practice spans corporate and commercial transactions, venture capital financings, intellectual property (IP) and labor and employment. Nori serves as a bridge between Japanese businesses and the US legal landscape.

Known for his collaborative approach, Nori works closely with subject matter experts to deliver tailored, practical solutions that align with his clients’ business goals. He has represented several large Japanese pharmaceutical and medical device companies in their major licensing or distributorship agreements. Additionally, Nori has been involved in several major litigations/dispute resolutions in the pharmaceutical industry, such as ANDA litigation, arbitration and antitrust class action and multidistrict litigation (MDL).

His legal knowledge is grounded in decades of experience representing a wide array of Japanese clients—from global public corporations to startups—across a range of legal matters. His deep understanding of cross-border legal challenges has made him a sought-after speaker, having delivered hundreds of seminars in both Japan and the US on topics such as California corporate law, venture capital, IP licensing, litigation and labor and employment.

Experience

- Advised a premier importer and distributor of Japanese food, liquor and restaurant supplies in its acquisition of a US-based Japanese food products wholesaler.
- Advised a Japanese automotive software company in its acquisition of a US-based automotive software company.
- Represented a major Japanese pharmaceutical company in a cross-border class action litigation, achieving a favorable settlement.
- Advised a major Japanese pharmaceutical company on multiple high-value cross-border licensing agreements.

Credentials

Education

- Duke University, LL.M., 1994
- The Legal Training & Research Inst. of Japan, Certificate of Completion, 1986

Admissions

- California, 1994
- Japan, 1986

Memberships & Affiliations

- Member of the Gunma Bar Association, the Japan Federation of Bar Associations and the State Bar of California

Recognitions

- Named as one of Silicon Valley's top corporate lawyers by *San Jose Magazine* for the eighth year in a row (2007)
- Director of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California (JCCNC).

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Labor & Employment
- Intellectual Property & Technology

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