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English | Japanese



About Rika

Rika Beppu focuses on advising Japanese multinational companies on corporate and M&A transactions. She advises Japanese and international clients on their M&A transactions in and out of Japan, as well as supporting their day-to-day commercial projects.

Rika has extensive knowledge of multijurisdictional corporate transactions and is adept at leading a team of expert lawyers across the firm's network.

During her 20-plus year career as a corporate M&A lawyer in international law firms in London and Tokyo, Rika has experience of working on secondment at a major Japanese law firm and the export-credit agency of Japan. She has been recognized as a Leading Individual for Corporate/M&A in the Chambers Global and Chambers Asia Pacific guides, as well as other leading legal directories, with a track record in leading multijurisdictional deals, particularly across Europe.

Rika is ranked as a leading practitioner in the leading legal directories. Prior to joining our Tokyo office, she headed the corporate practice of the Tokyo office of a global law firm.

Rika serves as a nonexecutive director on the board of Mitsubishi Materials Corporation and also as a member of the audit and supervisory board of Toyota Tsusho Corporation. Rika is a member of the Daini Tokyo Bar Association.

Experience

- Acting as lead counsel for a multinational corporation headquartered in Japan that specializes in industrial products centered on technologies in organic synthetic chemistry, polymer chemistry and biochemistry, in its US$1 billion acquisition of a multinational producer and supplier of advanced composite materials, based in Europe, with operations globally.
- Acting as lead counsel for a leading Asian multinational pharmaceutical company that manufactures and sells pharmaceutical formulations and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), primarily in India and the US, in its acquisition of the entire shares of the pharmaceutical subsidiary of a leading Japanese cosmetic conglomerate.
- Advising a major US listed corporation on the sale of one of its manufacturing businesses in Japan via a competitive auction process.
- Advising a leading global medical device manufacturer in connection with its prospective acquisition of a global medical devices company.
- Advising a leading global IT services company on its prospective acquisition of an Asia regional service provider.
- Advising Morgan Stanley Japan Securities Co., Ltd. on its business transfer and reorganization project, and subsequent formation of a financial holding company structure.
- Advising Fast Retailing Co., Ltd. on the establishment of a Singapore joint venture company.
- Advising Lehman Brothers Japan Securities Co., Ltd. on its business transfer and reorganization project.
- Advising Sumitomo Trust & Banking Corporation on its acquisition of a major financial institution's operations in Japan.
- Advising a leading Japanese telecommunications company on the formation of an international investment fund.
- Advising Japanese insurance and reinsurance companies on their commercial contracts.

Credentials

Education

- Leicester Polytechnic, Law Society Finals, 1992
- University of Birmingham, C.P.E., 1991
- Sophia University, B.A., 1990

Admissions

- Japan (gaikokuho jimu bengoshi), 2001
- Hong Kong, 1997
- England and Wales, 1994

Recognitions

- Recommended in *Legal 500 Asia Pacific* 2018 in Corporate and M&A – International firms and joint ventures, Japan

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Private Equity

Industries

- Chemicals

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