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Best Lawyers Announces 2023 Editions of *The Best Lawyers in Japan™* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan™*

AUGUSTA, Ga., 14 April 2022 — Best Lawyers®, the oldest and most respected guide to the legal profession globally, is pleased to announce the release of the 13th edition of *The Best Lawyers in Japan™* and the inaugural *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan™*.

“Best Lawyers expanded our recognitions to Japan in 2008,” said CEO of Best Lawyers Phillip Greer. “We are proud to once again grow our scope, while maintaining the same methodology, in Japan through our inaugural “Ones to Watch” honors recognizing a different demographic of talented and deserving lawyers.”

Best Lawyers lists have used a Purely Peer Review™ methodology for more than 40 years and are the preeminent guide to the legal profession. The methodology is designed to capture, as accurately as possible, the consensus opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical area and legal practice area.

Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan™ awards are presented to attorneys who are earlier in their careers for outstanding professional excellence in private practice. These recipients typically have been in practice for 3-8 years, whereas the honorees recognized in *The Best Lawyers in Japan™* have on average been in practice for more than nine years. The methodology for determining these new awards remains the same as our traditional lists: peer-review. Lawyers are the best resource to provide feedback on the caliber of work performed by their peers.

The 2023 edition of *The Best Lawyers in Japan* recognizes the professional excellence of 1,575 lawyers in 45 practice areas and the inaugural edition of the *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan* recognizes 263 honorees across 26 practice areas.

In addition to historic individual lawyer recognition, 48 lawyers were recognized as “Lawyer of the Year” honorees and nine firms received a “Law Firm of the Year” award in 12 practice areas.

“Lawyer of the Year” awards are bestowed to only lawyers with the highest overall peer-feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. “Law Firm of the Year” awards are country and practice area specific. They are determined based on a handful of factors, including feedback from lawyers recognized by Best Lawyers on individual lawyer and firm-wide work, the size and coverage of the firm in a specific practice area, historical analysis of the firm’s “Lawyer of the Year” awards in this area and research surrounding the firm’s overall scope and areas of expertise.

“Law Firm of the Year” Honoree:

Abe, Ikubo & Katayama
Anderson Mori & Tomotsune
Hibiya Sogo Law Offices
Linklaters
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
Mori Hamada & Matsumoto
Morrison & Foerster
Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu
Nishimura & Asahi
Nishimura & Asahi
TMI Associates
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Practice Area:

Intellectual Property Law
Real Estate Law
Antitrust / Competition Law
Capital Markets Law
Banking and Finance Law
Corporate and Mergers and Acquisitions Law
Private Equity, Private Funds and Venture Capital Law
Insolvency and Reorganization Law
Litigation
Tax Law
Labor and Employment Law
Media and Entertainment Law

A lawyer can be nominated for the traditional Best Lawyers recognition or Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch awards, but they cannot be nominated for recognition in both publications at the same time. Lawyers who are nominated for consideration are voted on by currently recognized Best Lawyers working in the same practice area and located in the same geographic region. Our awards and recognitions are based purely on the feedback we receive from these top lawyers. Lawyers are not required nor allowed to pay a fee to be listed; therefore, inclusion in Best Lawyers is considered a singular honor. Those who receive high peer reviews undergo a thorough verification process to make sure they are currently still in private practice. Only then can Best Lawyers recognize these top lawyers.

For research purposes, smaller and more rural cities located within a reasonable distance to larger cities are combined into single geographical regions called “metro areas” to help collect as much feedback and data as possible. Tokyo is the metro area with the largest number of listed lawyers.

Search *The Best Lawyers in Japan* and *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan* results by lawyer name, firm, region and/or practice area by visiting www.bestlawyers.com.

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