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Practice areas/industry focus

Insurance and reinsurance law with special expertise in Insurance Business Act; advising on finance-related laws and regulations, including Banking Act, Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, and Money Lending Business Act; advising on corporate matters, including entity establishment and organization, M&As, and bankruptcies and liquidations; representing insurance companies in legal disputes concerning financial and insurance products and services, including judicial proceedings, mediation, and financial services ADR.

Career highlights

Partner at Chuo Sogo Law Office; on loan to the Insurance Business Division of the Supervisory Bureau of Financial Services Agency (FSA) in Japan as a fixed-term governmental official (2005-07); member of the “Working Group on the Provision of Insurance Products and Services” of the Financial System Council, FSA (2012-13).

Professional Memberships

- Member of the “Safety nets of Housing Warranty Insurance System” study group of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (Jun. 2017 – Ongoing)
- Member of the “Study group assessing risks of natural disasters” of the PwC Research Institute (Japan) LLC (Oct. 2012 – Jul. 2013)
- Member of the “Working group on the provision of insurance products and services” of the Financial System Council, Financial Services Agency (FSA) (Jun. 2012 – Jun. 2013)
- Member of the Japanese Society of Insurance Science (Jul. 2007)

Publications

- “The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Insurance & Reinsurance 2017 (6th Edition) (Japan Chapter)” co-author, Global Legal Group Ltd., 2017
- “Handbook for Agencies such as Banks with Respect to the Revised Insurance Business Act,” co-author, Business Kyoiku Shuppansha, 2016
- “The Way of Understanding the Insurance Business Act – Main Practice Points at Issue; Q&As” (rev. ed.), co-author, Insurance Daily Newspaper Co., Ltd., 2014

Education

Kyoto University, Faculty of Law

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Career highlights

Koji graduated from Kyoto University and Northwestern University School of Law. He worked as a visiting attorney at Barack Ferrazano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP, Chicago/USA (Aug. 2012 to Sep. 2012) and a foreign lawyer at Rodyk & Davidson LLP, Singapore (Nov. 2012 to Oct. 2013). He was admitted as Attorney at Law in Japan and New York.

Koji was on secondment at Supervisory Coordination Division, Supervisory Bureau, Financial Services Agency, Japan Government as a fixed-term government official (Jan. 2014 to Dec. 2015).

Koji's main areas of practice encompass broad range of corporate commercial transactions, corporate finance, mergers & acquisitions and general corporation works. In addition, he has advised on various financial institutions including insurance companies in all aspects of their operations, with a focus on financial regulatory matters. Especially, with his experience worked at the Financial Services Agency, Japanese Government, he has been working on compliance issues of financial institutions including AML/CFT, countermeasures against Anti-Social Forces, personal data protections. He has also worked for clients in insurance related litigations and dispute resolutions.

Publications

- “The International Comparative Legal Guide to: Insurance & Reinsurance 2017 (6th Edition) (Japan Chapter)” (2017; co-author, Global Legal Group Ltd.)
- “Practical Methods for Insurance Compliance” (2017; co-author, Keizai-Hourei)
- “Countermeasures in Financial Institutions against Anti-Social Forces” (2015; Jurist)
- “Q&A: Practice of Trust” (2010; co-author, Seirin Shoin)

Seminars

- “Enhancement of AML/CFT System based on Risk-based Approach” (2017, presented by FN Communications)
- “Risk Management System to be Established” (2016, presented by Nikkei Media Marketing)
- “FinTech Compliance” (2016, presented by Chuo Sogo Law Office)

Education

- Northwestern University School of Law, LL.M. with honors
- Kyoto University, Faculty of Law