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Greetings

From the time the firm established its first office in 1968, it has built a solid business foundation by faithfully responding to the diverse needs of its clients. We are confident that as a team of specialized lawyers we can render competent legal services in a broad range of legal fields by leveraging our expertise accumulated over many years as well as drawing on our long experience in resolving complex legal issues in and out of court. We have strengthened ties with law firms in foreign countries, and have become an active member of a worldwide network of overseas law firms. By taking advantage of such international cooperative systems, we can effectively take care of international issues clients may face. Our one-stop legal services are also supported by collaborations with domestic certified public accountants, certified tax accountants and patent attorneys.

Looking Forward

We are keenly aware of the roles and responsibilities of law firms in this age of change, and, rising to this challenge, we are in a position to provide clients with strong support by responding to their needs in an effectively efficient manner.

Firm History

- 1968 Nakatsukasa Law Office is founded
- 1979 Office relocates to its present Osaka address at Kohda Building 11th Floor, 2-10-2 Nishi-tenma, Kita-ku, Osaka
- 1981 Office name changes to Nakatsukasa Sogo Law Office
- 1989 Office name changes to Chuo Sogo Law Office
- 2003 Incorporated as Professional Corporation Chuo Sogo Law Office; Tokyo Office is established
- 2009 Kyoto Office is established.
- 2010 Tokyo Office relocates to NBF Hibiya Building in Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku. The Firm joins GLOBALAW, a global network of close to 100 law firms all over the world.
- 2019 Tokyo Office relocates to Hibiya International Building in Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku.

Clients

Our clients includes various companies, corporations, educational institutions, judicial persons and organizations and local governments including: banks; financial institutions; servicers; guarantee associations; leasing, consumer credit, insurance, manufacturing, wholesale, retail, trading, steel, railroad, atomic or other energy, real estate, housing, construction and building rental companies; travel agencies; broadcasting, transportation and distribution companies; medical, pharmaceutical, chemical, testing, IT, telecommunication, advertisement, publishing, apparel, fiber, golf club, hotel and personnel companies.

Our Expertise

Companies Act / Financial Instruments and Exchange Act

- Corporate governance and legal, regulatory and internal compliance in Japan and global standard
- Support for the administration of general meetings of shareholders and boards of directors
- Handling of crisis management / corporate scandal situations, and investigating fraud and dishonesty / administration of third-party committees
- Compliance support with listing requirements for successful IPOs
- Support to startup companies
- Corporate litigation and non-contentious cases of commerce
- Insider trading matters and timely disclosure requirements
- Handling of violent interventions in civil disputes

Banking / Insurance

- Bank transactions, securities transactions, derivatives transactions
- Legal advice and opinions relating to financial regulations
- Collection of debt relating to non-bank, credit, leasing or credit cards transactions
- Dispute resolution in matters arising from financial regulations
- Legal advice and opinions relating to insurance laws and regulations
- Litigation, mediation and ADR procedures involving insurance products
- Disputes involving traffic accidents

Finance

- Corporate finance / structured finance / project finance
- Drafting of ship finance schemes
- Handling of ABL (Asset Based Lending)
- Securitization, liquidation and REIT (Real Estate Investment Trusts)
- FinTech-related issues
- Trust services

General Corporate Affairs

- Commercial trade agreements
- Wage and dismissal disputes
- Employment of foreign workers
- Investigation of corruption or misconduct
- Contracts and disputes involving real estate purchases, sales, and leases
- Matters related to property registration
- Advising on the Act on the Protection of Personal Information
- Advising on Data Privacy and Cybersecurity

Mergers and Acquisitions / Corporate Restructurings

- Development of strategies for M&As and corporate restructurings
- Contract drafting of M&As and corporate restructurings
- Due diligence in acquisitions projects
- M&A negotiations
- Corporate de-mergers
- Reports to Fair Trade Commission or other government authorities

Intellectual Property

- Patents, utility model rights, trademark rights, design rights, copyrights and prevention of unfair competition
- Litigation of and injunctive relief in infringement cases
- Requests for invalidation or appeals to the Intellectual Property High Court
- Negotiation and Contract drafting for IP licenses, Research and Development collaborations
- Protection of know-how and trade secrets
- Transactions related to Intellectual Property

Antitrust

- Cartels / private monopoly / unfair practice
- Mergers clearance
- Assistance & advice in investigations by the Fair Trade Commission
- Assistance & advice in hearing procedures at the Fair Trade Commission
- Matters relating to the Act Against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations

International Business Transactions

- Advising on issues related to cross-border transactions
- Assisting with discovery requests and depositions
- Advising on issues related to mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures / joint development projects and investment projects
- Advising on issues related to intellectual property
- Advising on issues related to employment





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Tokyo



Tokyo Office

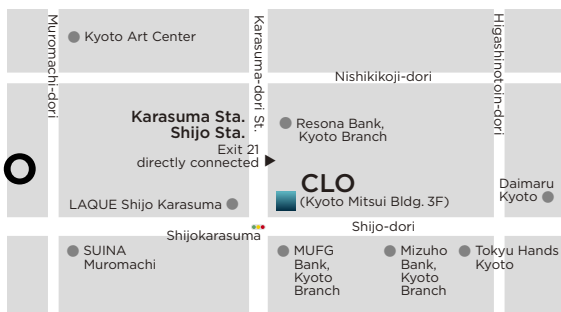
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- Kasumigaseki Station, Exit C3/4 (Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line), head to HIBIYA CITY, 3 minutes' walk.
- Toranomon Station, Exit 9 (Tokyo Metro Ginza Line), 7 minutes' walk.
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