

# Japan Practice

## **Recognized as One of the Top 4 in the World**

Jenner & Block has a rich history of nearly 40 years representing Japanese companies in various practice areas, including litigation matters, arbitration proceedings, investigations, antitrust cases, IP-related cases, M&A transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, investments, joint ventures and other corporate and transaction matters. We have regularly worked side-by-side with Japanese clients and law firms to manage their legal challenges all across the United States.

Our Japan Practice has been recognized as one of four finalists for “Japan Practice Foreign Law Firm of the Year” in the 2025 Asian Legal Business Japan Law Awards. This recognition honors foreign law firms that demonstrate exceptional legal service and substantial work involving Japanese elements despite not having physical offices in Japan, among law firms all over the world, not just those in the United States.

## **Uniquely Qualified Partners Licensed in both the US and Japan**

Our Japan Practice is led by several partners who have lived and worked in Japan, including the former Managing Partner of the firm and the co-founder of the firm’s Los Angeles office, as well as a partner who is admitted to practice law both in Japan (inactive) and the United States. Our team leverages extensive practical experience in both countries, native Japanese language skills, and deep understanding of the US and Japanese legal systems to assist clients from Japan.

## **Guiding Clients through the US Legal System**

We understand that US legal processes and practices can be foreign to Japanese companies, quite different from the legal system and practices in Japan, and we understand the challenges faced by Japanese clients. Based on our experience representing Japanese companies and knowledge of Japanese business culture, we have developed unique skills to help Japanese companies navigate the US legal system and matters. We pride ourselves on being effective, responsive and efficient. When requested by clients or their Japanese counsel, our resident Japanese lawyers regularly communicate with and explain to Japanese companies, in Japanese, the unique features of the US legal system and proceedings to facilitate a better understanding of these legal intricacies and to ensure a fully informed decision-making process. Our approach and unique skill set benefits our Japanese clients.

## **Distinguished Service across Many Industries**

A wide variety of Japanese companies conducting business worldwide seek our advice, including major electronics and electrical equipment manufacturing companies, multinational industry machinery manufacturers, banks and financial institutions, multinational trading companies (both sogo shosha and senmon shosha), multinational online retailing company, a leading furniture company, multinational retail chain of general merchandise and department stores, a leading clinical development contract research organization, pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies; video game developers and distribution companies; major transportation companies; semiconductor companies; food companies; a major airline; a major advertising and public relations company; and an AI-related software developer, among others.

### **Invested in Deepening Client Relationships**

Our team is regularly in Japan to support our clients. We also consistently host Japanese lawyers and legal managers in our offices in the US, as part of a decades-old attorney exchange program with law firms and corporate clients from Japan. We also have extensive experience in co-representing Japanese companies with Japanese law firms, and maintain close relationships with the most prominent Japanese firms.

### **Japan Newsletters**

- Jenner & Block Japan Newsletter | May 2026
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## **Japan Webinars**

- CFIUS, Sanctions, and Export Controls: M&A Impacts and Compliance Considerations
- Recent Developments in Trade Secret and Confidentiality Practices Impacting Disputes, Deals, and Compliance
- Inputs and Outputs: The State of Play in Year Two of Generative AI
- Information Exchanges: Navigating Antitrust Risk Without Safe Harbors
- Recent Developments in US Law Relating to Noncompete Agreements
- Lessons from a Crypto Lender Bankruptcy
- 2023 Enforcement Trends at the US Department of Justice and Related Agencies
- Navigating the Cryptocurrency Landscape in the US
- Debt Financing: Best Practices and Developments
- Common Points of Conflict in M&A Transactions
- Managing Cybersecurity and Data Privacy Risks
- Recent M&A Developments in the US and Japan
- Civil, Criminal, and National Security Aspects of US Trade Secret Law
- Acquisitions of Distressed Businesses: Bankruptcy Sale Transactions and Out-of-Court Alternatives
- US Trademark Law: Core Concepts and Recent Trends
- Cross-Border M&A Structuring Considerations
- From Brexit to California: Data Privacy Issues on Both Sides of the Atlantic
- Recent Developments in US Patent Litigation
- Attorney-Client Privilege in the United States
- A Primer on Cross-Border Insolvency Law
- Corporate Criminal Law Developments and Current Enforcement Trends (Fall 2018)

- US Executive Arrangements: Understanding Executive Expectations and the Regulatory Framework
- Recent Developments in Patent Litigation Strategy

## **News**

- Partner Miwa Shoda Recognized in *Chambers Global 2026*
- Partner Miwa Shoda Named 2025 Women of Influence by Los Angeles Business Journal
- Jenner & Block's Japan Practice Named Finalist for Asian Legal Business' Japan Practice Foreign Law Firm of the Year
- Partner Miwa Shoda Recognized in *Chambers Global 2025*
- Jenner & Block to Sponsor Annual Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) Conference
- Partner Miwa Shoda Recognized as Legal Visionary Second Year in a Row
- Partners Julie Shepard and Miwa Shoda Recognized as 2023 Top Women Lawyers by Daily Journal
- Partner Miwa Shoda Named Among 2023 Top 100 Lawyers by Los Angeles Business Journal
- Partner Miwa Shoda Named Among “Leaders of Influence: Minority Attorneys” List
- Partner Brent Caslin Recognized as Top Trade Secrets Lawyer by Daily Journal

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