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| ***EDUCATION AND TRAINING*** |
| **New York University School of Law*****LL.M. in Master of Laws*** | **New York, NY, USA** ***Aug. 2021 – May 2022*** |
| * Passed the New York State Bar Exam, July 2022 with a UBE passing score for all jurisdictions.
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| **The Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan** ***Lawyer Qualification (Qualified in Dec. 2016 to practice law in Japan)*** | **Tokyo, Japan** ***Nov. 2015 – Dec. 2016*** |
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| **Hitotsubashi University Law School** ***Juris Doctor*** | **Tokyo, Japan*****Apr. 2013 – Mar. 2015*** |
| * Passed the National Bar Examination of Japan in 2015 (within the top 0.4% of 8,000 examinees)
* Published an interview in a prestigious legal magazine on behalf of the law school
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| **Hitotsubashi University** ***Bachelor of Laws*** | **Tokyo, Japan*****Apr. 2009 – Mar. 2013*** |
| * Visited Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) in France and participated in European Studies Program and wrote an essay in English on labor legislation in the EU (Feb-March 2013)
* Visited Stanford University, participated in an American Language and Culture Program and wrote an essay in English on the jury system in the US with an A+ grade (Aug-Sept 2010)
* Passed the entrance exam of various law schools with scholarships, placing in the top 1% of examinees
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| ***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE*** |
| **Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell*****Visiting Foreign Attorney*** | **Chicago, IL, USA** ***Aug. 2022 – present***  |
| **Mergers and Acquisitions*** Managed due-diligence processes, negotiated and drafted documents in mergers and acquisitions transactions.

**General Corporate Matters*** Provided wide-ranging corporate legal advice for many companies, encompassing business expansion in the US or other countries, such as negotiating and drafting documents for joint venture companies involving Japanese and non-Japanese companies.
* Provided wide-ranging advice for many companies, especially Japanese companies that have subsidiaries in the US, on legal issues, including issues under the Corporate Law and other regulatory laws in the US.
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| **New York State Supreme Court*****Intern*** | **New York, NY, USA** ***Oct. 2022 – Dec. 2022***  |
| **Litigation*** Provided a judge with pre-argument reports & recommendations on pending motions which are memoranda describing the motions and the applicable law, analyzing the parties’ arguments, and recommending dispositions for the motions.
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| **Mori Hamada & Matsumoto*****Attorney-at-law, Senior associate*** | **Tokyo, Japan** ***Jan. 2017 – Mar. 2021*****Singapore, Singapore*****Apr. 2021 – Jun. 2021*** |
| **Bankruptcy and Restructuring (Both international and domestic)*** Represented domestic and foreign clients in the Bankruptcy and Restructuring area, pleading, negotiating, and drafting various documents, e.g., court legislative documents, agreements, press releases. Some example cases are:
	+ Represented the largest creditor in the rehabilitation of the largest Bitcoin exchange company in the world as of 2013. It was the largest rehabilitation case in 2018 in Japan (debt amount was approximately USD 45.6 billion with over 30,000 creditors in over 130 countries) and the first case related to a bankrupt cryptocurrency exchange resulting in unprecedented distribution of its Bitcoin assets to the creditors.
	+ Represented a major condominium development company in Japan in its restructuring process. The debt amount in this case was approximately USD 11 billion, making this the largest bankruptcy in 2018 in west Japan.

**Litigation and Dispute Resolution (Both international and domestic)*** Recognized in Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in Japan in Arbitration and Mediation in 2022.
* Represented domestic and foreign clients in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution area, managed lawsuits and conciliation processes, drafted documents including petition papers and briefs, handled witness interviews and negotiated for reconciliations. Some example cases are:
	+ Managed litigation process and procedure for exercise of security interests for a national Indian bank (petitioner). The claim amount is over 400 million US dollars.
	+ Managed a provisional seizure process and litigation process against a major Bangladeshi shoe company (petitioner). The claim amount is over 100 million US dollars.

**Other Legal Practice Areas*** **Crisis Management**
	+ Supported various companies handling scandals related to illicit payments, breach of laws and sexual harassment. Roles included: (i) conducted investigations (including interviewing company managers and employees); (ii) researched legal issues related to cases; (iii) drafted investigation reports; and (iv) provided advice on legal risks and recurrence prevention measures.
* **Financial Regulation**
	+ Supported domestic and international companies for the acquisition of financial registrations, including Funds Transfer Service Providers, Cryptocurrency Exchange Service Providers and Issuers of Prepaid Payment Instruments. Roles included: (i) proposing and considering service schemes, (ii) drafting memoranda regarding various questions and requests raised by clients, (iii) drafting application forms and negotiating with the FSA, (iv) drafting several T&Cs, contracts and company regulations, and (v) responding to irregularities.
* **Mergers and Acquisitions**
	+ Managed due-diligence processes, negotiated and drafted documents in mergers and acquisitions transactions.
* **General Corporate Matters**
	+ Provided wide-ranging corporate legal advice for many companies, encompassing overseas expansion, such as negotiating and drafting documents for joint venture companies involving Japanese and non-Japanese companies.
	+ Provided wide-ranging advice for many companies, both international and domestic, on legal issues, including issues under the Companies Act and the Civil Code, and other regulatory laws.
* **Pro-bono work**
	+ Represented defendants in criminal cases.

**Newsletters for clients*** Writing news articles on general civil cases in monthly firm newsletters for clients.
* Writing Turnaround and Credit Management Newsletters (monthly) for clients.
* Writing Asian Legal Newsletters on International Dispute Resolution for clients.

English articles are accessible at <https://www.mhmjapan.com/en/newsletters/people.html?lwy=24349> |

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| ***PUBLICATIONS*** |
| * + *"Case Study: Practical Responses for Customer-related Trouble"* Shinnippon-Hoki Publishing Co., Ltd.2017-2019 (co-author)
	+ *"Explanation Based on Business Situations: How Corporate Practice Will Change Due to the Civil Code Amendment"* Dai-ichi Hoki Co., Ltd., May 2018 (co-author)
	+ *"The Most Comprehensible Lawyers’ Guide to Court Decisions on Labor"* ROUMUGYOUSEI Co., Ltd., August 2018 (co-author)
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| ***ADDITIONAL*** |
| * A member of Japan Federation of Bar Associations *(2016 -Present)*, Tokyo Bar Association *(2016 - Present)*, Japan Association of the Law of Civil Procedure *(2016 - Present)*, Bankruptcy Law Division, Legal Studies Department, Tokyo Bar Association *(2017 - Present)*, International Committee, Tokyo Bar Association *(2016 - 2020)*
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| ***LANGUAGE*** |
| * English (fluent), Japanese (native)
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