

Speaker Bios

Internal Speakers



**Yoshiaki Muto, Chair, Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution,
Baker McKenzie Tokyo**

Yoshiaki has more than 25 years of experience handling international dispute and compliance matters. He focuses his practice in the areas of domestic and international dispute resolution, including litigation and arbitration, corporate investigation and compliance, and crisis handling. He also regularly advises his clients on corporate transactions and general corporate and commercial matters. Yoshiaki is currently the Chair of Baker McKenzie's Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution Practice Group and also leads the Tokyo office Dispute Resolution Group.



Celeste Ang, Partner, Baker McKenzie Singapore

Celeste's practice encompasses corporate litigation and arbitration, both domestic and cross-border. Celeste also has significant experience advising clients on compliance and regulatory issues in the context of cross-border investigations. She has advised clients from various industries, such as financial/financial services, energy, oil and gas, healthcare, technology, on compliance and regulatory issues, and assisted them in internal and external investigations (including cross-border investigations) on anti-bribery/anti-corruption, antitrust, tax, customs/export control and fraud issues and incidents. Additionally, she advises clients on a wide range of employment and employment-related issues, with a focus on contentious or potentially contentious issues.



Georgie Farrant, Partner, Baker McKenzie Sydney

Georgie focuses on commercial disputes, including multijurisdictional disputes, civil and criminal actions relating to financial services and financial products, and internal investigations. She also advises on compliance and regulatory issues such as anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, whistleblowing and regulatory investigations. She currently leads the Firm's Compliance & Investigations team in Australia. Georgie has practiced both in the UK and Australia and her experience includes working for a regulator and working in an in-house compliance team.



Simon Hui, Partner, Baker McKenzie Shanghai

Simon has in-depth experience in handling compliance/regulatory matters including arbitration, anti-bribery/anti-corruption and unfair competition issues. His extensive experience in compliance & investigation covers a broad range of industries including pharmaceutical, life science, automotive, outsourcing and media. He has conducted complex internal investigations for a large number of multinational companies. He has also performed due diligence/risk assessment and provided training to multinational companies' management and business teams focusing on anti-bribery/anti-corruption issues.



Kensaku Takase, Partner, Baker McKenzie Tokyo

Kensaku is seasoned in IP work with a particular focus on trademarks, copyright and designs. He has experience dealing with contentious and non-contentious trademarks, passing-off and unfair competition matters, large-scale trademark filing programs, copyright clearances and licensing, copyright and design infringement, international trademark portfolio management, and anti-counterfeiting work. He also concentrates on IT and has been heavily involved in significant IT outsourcing deals



Kengo Nishigaki, Partner, Baker McKenzie Tokyo

Kengo's practice focuses on advising Japanese and foreign listed companies on fraud investigations and compliance with anti-corruption laws, including the US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the UK Bribery Act and the Unfair Competition Prevention Act of Japan. He also co-chairs the Healthcare Industry Group of Baker & McKenzie Tokyo, and advises not only on anti-bribery issues but also industry-specific regulatory affairs. He also assists major Japanese and foreign-listed companies in litigation and other types of dispute resolution, such as arbitration and mediation.



Daisuke Tatsuno, Partner, Baker McKenzie Tokyo

Daisuke's practice focuses on the registration, protection, dispute and licensing of intellectual property rights. He also handles matters related to intellectual property, broadcasting and telecommunications. Daisuke has extensive experience in legal actions against counterfeit products infringing trademark rights, such as sending warning letters and conducting procedures of injunction, temporary attachment and civil lawsuit. He also assists on copyright and drafting of contracts and is skilled in advising on export control for security trade under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act.



Jiro Toyokawa, Partner, Baker McKenzie Tokyo

Jiro's practice focuses on the areas of M&A (including both inbound M&A where foreign clients buy Japanese companies or dispose of their Japanese business, and outbound M&A where Japanese clients buy foreign companies) and joint ventures. Areas of law routinely handled are corporate law, securities law (including regulations of stock exchanges), employment law, antitrust laws, and foreign exchange law. He has considerable experience in assisting clients seeking expansion overseas and has advised numerous corporations in the insurance, IT and industrial sectors. Jiro has experience advising Japanese companies on outbound investments in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Turkey, Australia and Poland, amongst other countries.



Wing Keung Clement Ngai, Partner, Baker McKenzie Shanghai

Clement has extensive IP enforcement experience in many jurisdictions in Asia (Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, China, Singapore and India), running anti-piracy programs for the software industry in those countries. He also advises on general IP-related matters, software copyright issues, computer and IT matters, patent strategy, R&D IP issues, IP security, and government lobbying on IP laws. One of his main focuses is on China, where he spends most of his time.



Praween Chantanakomes, Associate, Baker McKenzie Bangkok

Praween is currently active in the Corporate & Commercial, Mergers & Acquisitions, Environment, Natural Resources, and Pharmaceuticals practice groups. He has been involved in assisting multinational clients with their operations in Thailand. He advises on issues relevant to foreign investors, such as foreign investment laws, mergers and acquisitions, and corporate structures. He has also advised on consumer protection law; food, drug and cosmetics law; and natural resources regulations.