

Professional Experience:

Ms. Takahata has significant experience and expertise both in M&A and corporate law transactions and disputes resolution practices. She has more than 20 years of experience serving as a senior counsel and/or general counsel at multinational investment banks and corporations advising on cross-border transactions as well as international arbitration, with particular expertise as a general counsel of Japanese companies and their U.S. and European subsidiaries on their investments and investment-related disputes around the world.

Formerly, she was in-house counsel for Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, advising on matters involving investment banking, capital markets, M&A and corporate finance transactions, banking and securities compliance, and various issues involving financial institutions.

She has also committed to the international arbitration community and, was appointed as a member of the Legislative Council for the amendment of the arbitration law of Japan. She serves as an Advisory Board member of the Japan International Dispute Resolution Center (JIDRC) and a Users' Council member of the Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC).

Prior to going in-house, she practiced corporate, M&A, real-estate finance, labour laws and internal investigations at Ushijima & Partners where she advised Japan- and foreign-based clients on cross-border investment transactions and matters related to corporate reorganization and restructuring.



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Admitted to Practice

- Japan (2000)

Education

- International Christian University (B.A.)

Languages

- Japanese
- English

Professional Associations:

Officer, Asia-Pacific Regional Forum, International Bar Association

Vice-Chair, International Committee, Dai-ni Tokyo Bar Association

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