

## Background

SAEGUSA & Partners (formerly Saegusa International Patent Office) was founded in 1946 by Mr. Hachiro Saegusa (1908-1975). Located in Osaka, Japan's second-largest industrial and commercial city, SAEGUSA is one of the nation's leading patent firms. In 2016, the firm will mark its 70th year in business.

In 1975, patent attorney Mr. Eiji Saegusa, took over as President. In 2015, patent attorney Mr. Masahito Hayashi was appointed President, and Mr. Saegusa assumed the role of Executive Advisor. Each of our presidents has been a patent attorney with expertise in chemistry. As this demonstrates, our greatest field of strength is in chemistry, and we have assisted numerous chemical-related companies with their patent applications and cases.

Since the firm was founded, SAEGUSA's patent attorneys have specialized in the technical fields of organic and inorganic chemistry, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, foods, cosmetics, machinery, and electronics, as well as in design, and all forms of legal work in regard to trademarks and intellectual property rights. In cooperation with attorneys in more than 100 countries abroad, and with clients listed among the leading companies and research institutes both in Japan and around the world, SAEGUSA is an international patent firm with expertise in handling applications, rights acquisition, rights utilization, and rights disputes. To maintain its high level of professional service, SAEGUSA encourages its attorneys, technical specialists, and other legal staff to place a high priority on continually acquiring new skills and knowledge.

## Services

Saegusa's well-organized team of professionals provides a wide range of services, which include: filing and prosecuting applications for patents, utility models, designs, trademarks and service marks, and the renewal of registered trademarks and service marks; filing and prosecuting international patent applications; filing Oppositions and Replies to Oppositions; Requests for Arbitration Decisions before the Commissioner; Demands for Trial, such as Trials against a Decision of Refusal, Trials for Invalidation, and Trials for Correction; Requests for official opinions on the technical scope of patents or utility models, and the scope of designs or effects of trademark rights; Demands for Retrial; representation for Requests for Arbitration Decisions before the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry; representation for Requests for Reconsideration under the Administrative Appeal Act; preparation of expert opinions; representation for Appeals before the Intellectual Property High Court against trial decisions, and opposition to decisions rendered by the Japan Patent Office; making statements upon appearance before a court, in connection with a patent, utility model, design, or trademark, with a party or an attorney-at-law; consultation, surveys, maintenance and management of industrial property rights; recording changes in title due to assignments, mergers, and successions; recording of licenses, changes in name or address, etc.; and handling foreign applications on behalf of Japanese clients and Japanese applications on behalf of foreign clients. Saegusa is fully equipped with the most up-to-date facilities, and provides efficient responses to our clients' needs. In addition, with video (Polycom) and telephonic conference systems installed in both our Osaka and Tokyo Offices, Saegusa is able to conduct secure conferences and meetings, whether in Japan or abroad.

## Our Clients

Since 1946, SAEGUSA has represented a broad range of clients, from major companies, universities, and research institutions, to small entities and individual inventors from a wide variety of countries. To meet the broad-ranging demands of clients large and small throughout the world, SAEGUSA is dedicated to providing quality service, and continues to grow by adding highly qualified individuals to its loyal staff. We also actively and continually conduct in-house training for our staff to maintain a high level of professional service, and we provide our clients with lectures and seminars on intellectual property matters.

## Organization

SAEGUSA & Partners and the Saegusa Intellectual Property Research Institute work together in close cooperation. SAEGUSA presently consists of more than 120 dedicated professionals, including almost 40 patent attorneys; among these are eight partner patent attorneys with extensive experience. The patent attorneys at SAEGUSA & Partners hold positions of leadership in our Chemical and Biotechnology Department, Mechanical and Electrical Department, Trademark and Design Department, IP Legal Department, IP Information Research Department and Translation Department.

## **SAEGUSA & PARTNERS**

Since our foundation in 1946, Saegusa specialists in the fields of chemistry, biotechnology, machinery, electronics, trademarks, and designs have shared information on legal systems and case law in Japan and abroad; and, based on our key concepts of accuracy, speed, and integrity, worked toward continuous improvement.

Priority is given to doing our best for our clients.

### **Chemical and Biotechnology Department**

This is the firm's longest-established department. The Chemical and Biotechnology Department can handle a broad range of technical fields, such as organic chemistry, resins and polymers, inorganic chemistry, metals, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, foods, and cosmetics.

This department's work includes patent right acquisition procedures, as well as invalidation trials and litigation (for rescinding trial decisions and for infringement); additionally, the Chemical and Biotechnology Department has extensive experience and a proven track record in providing expert opinions. In particular, many of the procedures the department performs for the acquisition of patent rights are for Japanese clients filing applications abroad, in nearly the same number as Japanese clients filing applications in Japan. In addition to areas such as the U.S., the European Union, China, and Korea, the department is highly experienced in filing applications in other regions, including Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and Oceania. Additionally, the department handles numerous cases for overseas clients filing applications in Japan.

### **Mechanical and Electrical Department**

This department handles, in Japan and abroad, patent and utility model applications in a wide range of electrical- and electronics-related fields, including communications and computers, as well as in the fields of machinery, architecture, and civil engineering. The Mechanical and Electrical Department also specializes in the fields of data processing, digital signal processing, Internet-related technologies, and software. While covering a wide range of technological fields, they accurately handle the complex structures and circuits associated with those fields.

In addition, like the Chemical and Biotechnology Department, the Mechanical and Electrical Department handles numerous cases for overseas clients filing applications in Japan.

### **Trademark and Design Department**

This department handles a wide range of trademark and design applications both in Japan and abroad. The Trademark and Design Department assists in filing many applications in Asian countries such as China, Korea, and India, as well as in countries such as the US, Brazil, and Russia.

This department also handles trademark- and design-related assignments, license negotiations, and contract drafting, as well as work related to unfair competition and copyrights. In order to ensure that clients' rights abroad are effectively secured and utilized, they conduct searches and negotiations in foreign countries, and assertively meet with the relevant authorities abroad. For designs, the department provides advice for strategic applications, taking into consideration the scope of rights. Drafting personnel with 3D CAD expertise also create drawings.

## **Organization**

### **SAEGUSA Intellectual Property Research Institute (SIPRI)**

The purpose of the Saegusa Intellectual Property Research Institute is to assist and enhance the work of the patent attorneys of Saegusa & Partners. In addition to management-related departments, SIPRI consists of the IP Information Research Department, the Case Law Research Department, the Translation Department, the Information Systems Department, and the IP Legal Department, all of which work in close cooperation with Saegusa & Partners.

### **IP Information Research Department**

Divided into separate teams specializing in Japan (PCT), North and South America, Europe, and Asia, this department collects, organizes, and analyzes the most recent and important intellectual property information from these and other areas regarding patents, utility models, designs, trademarks, copyrights, and laws against unfair competition both in Japan and abroad. The most recent and important intellectual property information is shared within Saegusa & Partners, and sent to our clients as appropriate.

**Case Law Research Department**

Divided into teams dedicated to the fields of chemistry and biotechnology, machinery and electronics, and designs and trademarks, this department collects, organizes, and analyzes information on the most recent and important case law from these and other fields regarding patents, utility models, designs, trademarks, copyrights, and laws against unfair competition both in Japan and abroad. The most recent and important case law information is shared within Saegusa & Partners, and sent to our clients as appropriate.

**Translation Department**

This department of experienced translators includes graduates of U.S. universities and resident proofreaders who are native speakers of English, and provides translations in close cooperation with the technical specialists and patent attorneys of Saegusa & Partners.

**Information Systems Department**

This department serves to optimize companywide processes, through improvement and systemization based on consultation and analysis, to enable a fast and accurate workflow. In line with the diversification of digital data management, a patent management system (NaviOfficer) was introduced in 2010, thereby ensuring that work flows smoothly and securely. Contingency systems have also been established in the event of natural disasters and other unforeseen events; these systems include stabilizing the network environment, and mutual data backup of the Osaka and Tokyo Offices in order to enhance data maintenance and provide security against environmental effects.

**IP Legal Department**

This department provides filing- and rights acquisition-related legal consultation for patents, etc., both in Japan and abroad, such as for confidential agreements, material transfer agreements, joint research, licensing, and regulation and evaluation of employee inventions. The IP Legal Department also handles problems related to intellectual property rights, such as legal disputes and contract issues.

## Location

### SAEGUSA & PARTNERS

Kitahama TNK Building, 7-1, Dosho-machi 1-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 541-0045, Japan

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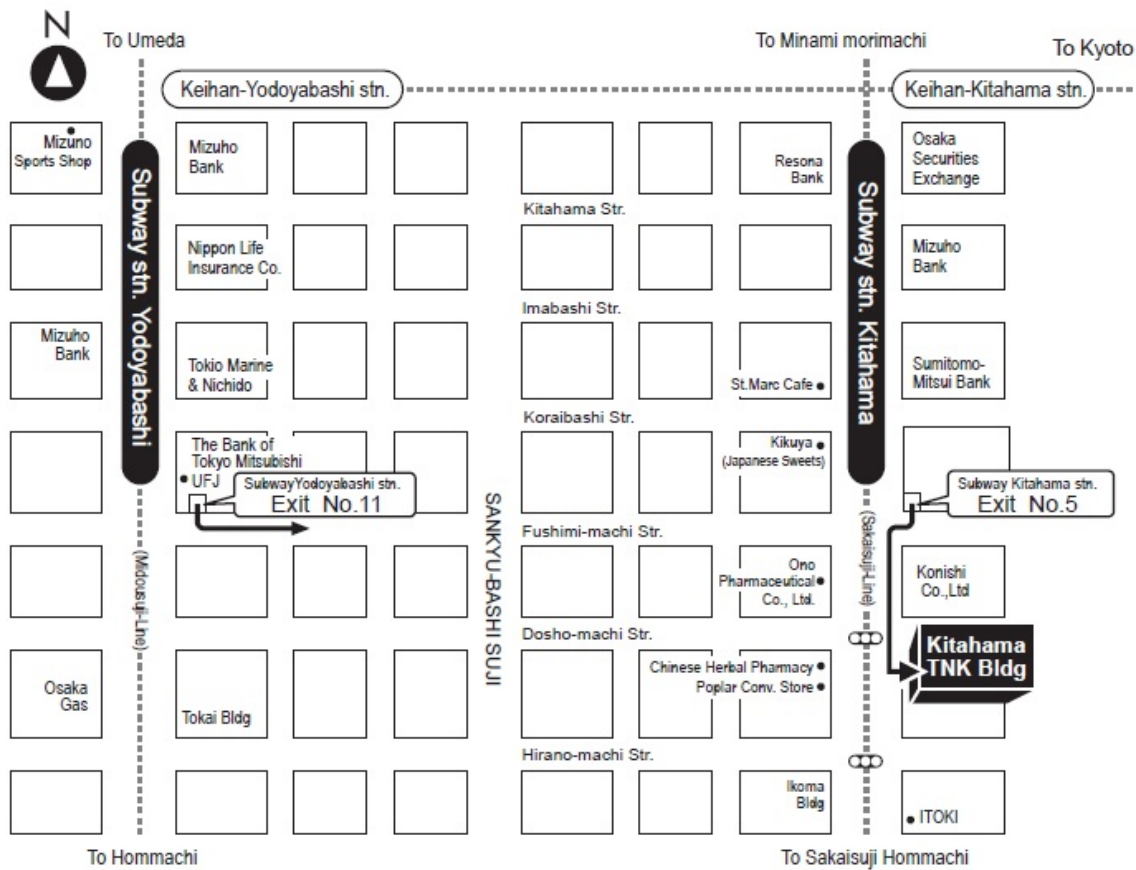
For the Trademark and Design Department, please use the following direct telephone numbers and e-mail address.

Telephone: 81(Japan)-6-6203-2622

Facsimile: 81(Japan)-6-6201-0586

e-mail: trademark@saegusa-pat.co.jp

**Nearest Station:** Kitahama Station on the Keihan Railway Line, or Kitahama Station on the Sakaisuji Subway Line.

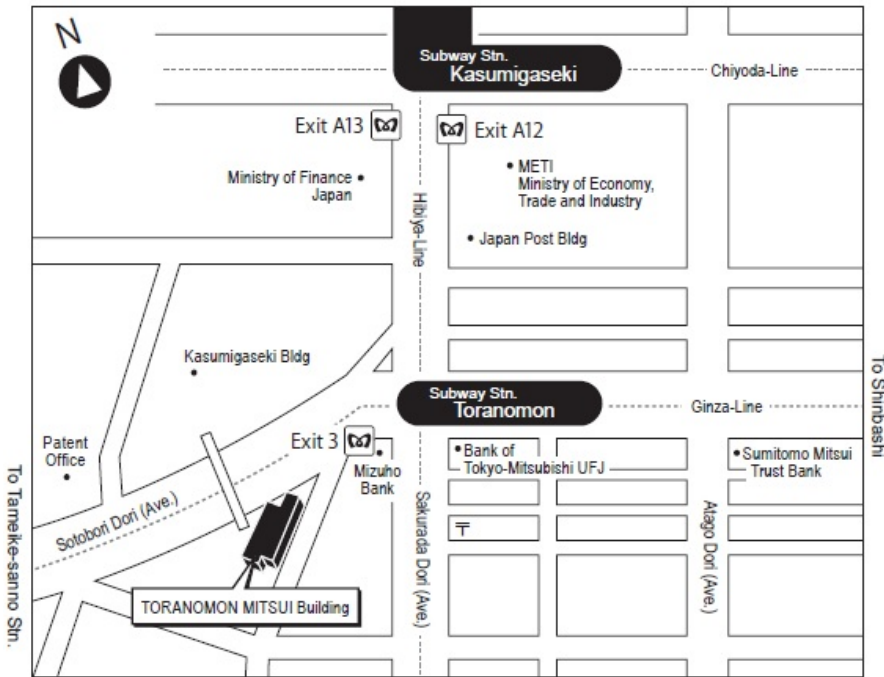


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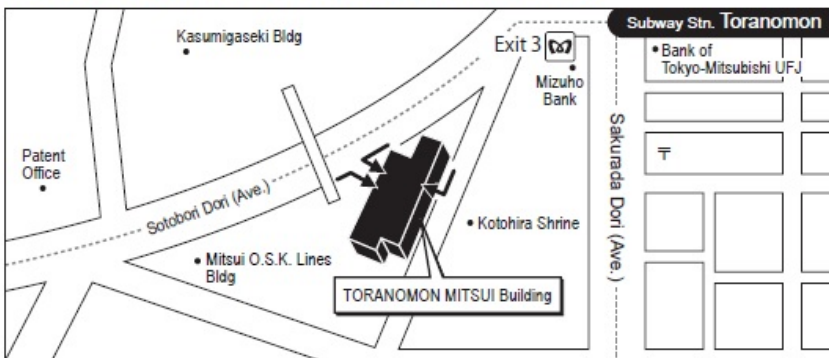
**SAEGUSA & PARTNERS – Tokyo Office**

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 Telephone: 81(Japan)-3-5511-2855  
 Facsimile : 81(Japan)-3-5511-2857  
 e-mail: tokyo@saegusa-pat.co.jp

Nearest Stations: Toranomom Station (G07), on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, Exit No. 3  
 Kasumigaseki Station (C08), on the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line, Exit No. A13  
 Tameike-sanno Station(G06), on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, Exit No.9



**Close-up of the Area around "TORANOMON MITSUI Building"**



**Executive Advisor**

**Eiji SAEGUSA**



■ Education and Personal History

1960 Graduated from Doshisha University with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry

1962 Registered as a patent attorney

1975 Assumed the office of president of Saegusa & Partners

1996 Received the Medal with Yellow Ribbon from the Japanese government

2005 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

2005 Lecture at Japan Intellectual Property Association (JIPA), Research Institute of Economy and Trade and Industry

2015 Assumed the office of executive adviser of Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

Patent Attorneys Association of Japan (JPAA), Industrial Property Law Association of Japan

■ Specialties

Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry

**President**

**Masahito HAYASHI**

■ Education and Personal History

1990 Graduated from Waseda University with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry

1992 Obtained a master's degree in Chemistry from the Graduate School of Waseda University

1992-2001 Worked for a pharmaceutical company

1999 Registered as a patent attorney

2001 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2004-2006 Member of Kyoto University's Invention Evaluation Committee

2008 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

2015 Assumed the office of President of Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA, AIPPI

■ Specialties

Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals

**Executive Vice President,  
Tokyo Office Director and Partner**

**Kenji SAITO**

■ Education and Personal History

1984 Graduated from Hiroshima University with a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy

1986 Obtained a master's degree in Pharmacy from the Graduate School of Hiroshima University

1986-1989 Worked for a cosmetics company

1990 Joined Saegusa & Partners

1990 Registered as a patent attorney

Adviser to public agencies

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biotechnology

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**Executive Vice President  
and Partner****Mutsuko NAKANO****■ Education and Personal History**

Graduated from Kyushu University with a bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Science  
Obtained a masters degree in Pharmaceutical Science from the Graduate School of Kyushu University

Worked for the international research laboratories of a pharmaceutical manufacturer

1996 Joined Saegusa & Partners

1996 Registered as a patent attorney

2005 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

2007- Lecture at Shimane University

2009- Steering committee member of the Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center, Kansai Branch

2016 Steering committee chairperson of the Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center, Kansai Branch

2016- Adjunct lecturer at the Tohoku University School of Medicine, Department of Molecular Medicine and Therapy

2017- Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center Kansai branch branch chief

**■ Memberships**

JPAA

**■ Specialties**

Biochemistry, Pharmaceuticals, Foods, Chemistry

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**Executive Vice President  
and Partner****Tomoko IWAI****■ Education and Personal History**

1992 Graduated from Doshisha University with a bachelor's degree in Law

1992-1995 Worked for a printing company (planning and production)

1997 Joined Saegusa & Partners

1997 Registered as a patent attorney

2000-2002 Attended the College of Law at Peking University, and simultaneously trained at the CCPIT Patent & Trademark Law Office and the China Science Patent & Trademark Agent.

2005-2011 Lecture at the Graduate School of Law, Osaka University

**■ Memberships**

JPAA, Japan Trademark Association, International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property of Japan (AIPPI)

**■ Specialties**

Domestic and International Trademarks, Intellectual Property Rights in China, other legal affairs related to Intellectual Property Rights, including Copyright, Specified Unfair Competition, etc.

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**Executive Vice President  
and Partner****Takahiro HISHIDA****■ Education and Personal History**

2000 Graduated from Doshisha University with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry

2000 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2006 Registered as a patent attorney

2011 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

**■ Memberships**

JPAA, China Patent Cooperation Association, APAA

**■ Specialties**

Inorganic Chemistry, Material Science, Polymer Chemistry, Foods

## Chemical and Biotechnology Department

### Partner

#### Masahito HAYASHI



##### ■ Education and Personal History

1990 Graduated from Waseda University with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry  
1992 Obtained a master's degree in Chemistry from the Graduate School of Waseda University  
1992-2001 Worked for a pharmaceutical company  
1999 Registered as a patent attorney  
2001 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2004-2006 Member of Kyoto University's Invention Evaluation Committee  
2008 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)  
2015 Assumed the office of President of Saegusa & Partners

##### ■ Memberships

JPAA, AIPPI

##### ■ Specialties

Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals

### Partner

#### Mutsuko NAKANO



##### ■ Education and Personal History

Graduated from Kyushu University with a bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Science  
Obtained a masters degree in Pharmaceutical Science from the Graduate School of Kyushu University

Worked for the international research laboratories of a pharmaceutical manufacturer

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1996 Registered as a patent attorney

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2007- Lecture at Shimane University

2009- Steering committee member of the Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center, Kansai Branch

2016 Steering committee chairperson of the Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center, Kansai Branch

2016- Adjunct lecturer at the Tohoku University School of Medicine, Department of Molecular Medicine and Therapy

2017- Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center Kansai branch branch chief

##### ■ Memberships

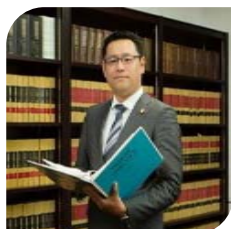
JPAA

##### ■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Pharmaceuticals, Foods, Chemistry

### Partner

#### Takahiro HISHIDA



##### ■ Education and Personal History

2000 Graduated from Doshisha University with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry

2000 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2006 Registered as a patent attorney

2011 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

##### ■ Memberships

JPAA, China Patent Cooperation Association, APAA

##### ■ Specialties

Inorganic Chemistry, Material Science, Polymer Chemistry, Foods



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**Partner**

**Naoyuki MIYAGAWA**



■ Education and Personal History

1990 Graduated from Osaka University with a bachelor's degree in Fermentation Technology  
1992 Obtained a master's degree in Fermentation Technology from the Graduate School of Osaka University

1992-2010 Worked for a food manufacturer, a pharmaceutical manufacturer and a patent agent firm

2000 Registered as a patent attorney

2010 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Pharmaceuticals, Chemistry, Foods

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**Partner**

**Masaki MORISHIMA**



■ Education and Personal History

1996 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Applied Life Sciences

1998 Obtained a master's degree in Applied Life Sciences from the Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University

1999-2001 Worked for a chemicals company

2001-2002 Worked for a regenerative medicine company

2002-2008 Corporate Auditor of the regenerative medicine company

2008 Registered as a patent attorney

2008 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2010-2011 Training at Vossius & Partner in Germany

2011 Training at HOFFMANN · EITL in Germany

2011 Training at Marks & Clerk in United Kingdom

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Chemistry (e.g., functional chemical products), Life Sciences (low-molecular medicine, biomedicine, regenerative medicine, foods, cosmetics, other health care)

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**Associate**

**Hisanori KAWAI**



■ Education and Personal History

1999 Graduated from Osaka University with a bachelor's degree in Applied Science

2001 Obtained a master's degree in Biotechnology from the Graduate School of Osaka University

2001-2007 Worked for a systems development company

2007 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2007 Registered as a patent attorney

2009 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biotechnology, Bioinformatics, Pharmaceuticals, Foods

Associate

**Kaori SAIWAI**

■ Education and Personal History

1988 Graduated from Ehime University with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry  
1988-1992 Worked for a cosmetics company  
2001 Registered as a patent attorney  
2002-2008 Worked for a patent agent firm  
2008 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)  
2008 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals, Material Science

Associate

**Yoshiki KITANO**



■ Education and Personal History

2003 Graduated from Okayama University with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Sciences  
2005 Obtained a master of Applied Science from Ryerson University  
2005 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2009 Registered as a patent attorney  
2009 Trained at Wenderoth Lind & Ponack, L.L.P. in Washington D.C.  
2009 Passed U.S. patent agent examination  
2010 Trained at Leydig, Voit & Mayer, LTD. in Chicago  
2012 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

■ Memberships

JPAA, APAA

■ Specialties

Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals, Foods, Plants

Associate

**Kohei YODOYA**



■ Education and Personal History

2002 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Applied Life Sciences  
2004 Obtained a master's degree in Life Sciences from the Graduate School of Biostudies, Kyoto University  
2004-2007 Worked for a pharmaceutical manufacturer  
2007 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2010 Registered as a patent attorney  
2013 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Foods, Pharmaceuticals, Chemistry

Associate

**Yasuaki NANBA**



■ Education and Personal History

2004 Graduated from Chiba University in Science  
2006 Obtained a master's degree in Life and Earth Sciences from the Graduate School of Chiba University  
2006-2010 Worked for Nagasaki University of Medicine  
2010 Registered as a patent attorney  
2010 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Cell Biology

Associate

**Kunihiro HIGASHINO**



■ Education and Personal History

2003 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Engineering Science  
2005-2007 Worked for a patent agent firm  
2008 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2011 Registered as a patent attorney  
2013 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Electrochemistry, Thermal Dynamics, Material Science, Inorganic Chemistry, Organic Chemistry

Associate

**Shoji YAGI**



■ Education and Personal History

2002 Obtained a master's degree in Applied Life Chemistry from the Graduate School of Agricultural Life Science, Osaka Prefecture University  
2003-2004 Doctoral student in Genetics of National Institute of Genetics  
2005-2009 Worked for a pharmaceutical manufacturer and a patent agent firm  
2010 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2011 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

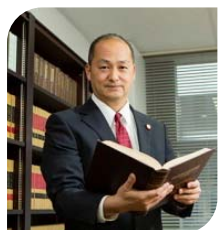
JPAA

■ Specialties

Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biotechnology

Associate

**Nobuaki KANEMOTO**



■ Education and Personal History

1994 Graduated from Kansai University with a bachelor's degree in Applied Chemistry  
1996 Obtained a master's degree in Applied Chemistry from the Graduate School of Kansai University  
1996-2011 Worked for a metal working fluid institute, a patent agent firm and intellectual property department in a manufacturer  
2007 Registered as a patent attorney  
2011 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2011 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Material Science

Associate

**Yoshiyuki KUWAGAKI**



■ Education and Personal History

2000 Graduated from Doshisha University with bachelor's degree in Molecular Chemistry  
2002 Graduated from Doshisha University with master's degree in Engineering Chemistry  
2002-2010 Worked for a chemicals company  
2010-2013 Worked for a patent agent firm  
2013 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2015 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Polymer Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Resins, Metals

Associate

**Tsuyoshi NISHIHASHI,**  
ph.D.



■ Education and Personal History

2000 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences  
2003 Obtained a master's degree in Human Environmental Sciences from the Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University  
2006 Obtained a doctor's degree in Human Environmental Sciences from the Graduate School of Human and Environmental Studies, Kyoto University  
2006-2011 Worked for a pharmaceutical manufacturer  
2011-2015 Worked for a patent agent firm  
2015 Registered as a patent attorney  
2016 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals, Biochemistry, Foods

Associate

**Chizumi NOMURA-**  
**FURUWATARI**



■ Education and Personal History

Graduated from Division of Clinical Chemistry and Medical Technology, School of Allied Medical Sciences, Shinshu University

Passed the clinical laboratory technologist national examination

Received approval for doctoral research guidance at the Graduate School of Biological Sciences, Nara Institute of Science and Technology (Majored in Cellular Biology)  
2011 Completed study at the Graduate School of Intellectual Property, Osaka Institute of Technology

Worked in Department of Central Laboratories, Shinshu University Hospital

Worked as a researcher in Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Osaka City University Graduate School of Medicine

Worked as part-time instructor in Osaka College of Medical Technology (Fields of Pathology, Histological Anatomy, Cell Biology)

2011 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2016 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Bioscience (Biology, Virology), Medical Science (Diagnosis, Treatment, Examination, Medical Devices, Medical Materials, Regenerative Medicine), Foods, Healthcare, Chemistry

Associate

**Katsushi NAITO**



■ Education and Personal History

1993 Graduated from Osaka Prefecture University with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Chemistry

1995 Obtained a master's degree in Agricultural Chemistry from the Graduate School of Osaka Prefecture University

1995-2007 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2007-2014 Worked for an intellectual property department in a chemical products manufacturer

2011 Registered as a patent attorney

2014-2017 Worked for a patent agent firm

2017 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Foods, Pharmaceuticals, Chemistry

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**Associate**

**Yousuke MATSUNO**



■ Education and Personal History

2008 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Applied Life Sciences  
2010 Obtained a master's degree in Molecular Biology from the Graduate School of Kyoto University  
2010-2014 Worked for an intellectual property consulting firm  
2014 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2018 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Polymer Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Resins, Metals

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**Associate**

**Yuki TAKEMOTO**



■ Education and Personal History

2009 Graduated from Kobe University with a bachelor's degree in Agriculture  
2011 Obtained a master's degree in Applied Chemistry in Bioscience from the Graduate School of Kobe University  
2011-2018 Worked for a food manufacturer  
2018 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2018 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Foods, Chemistry

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**Associate**

**Tomoyuki IWASAWA**

■ Education and Personal History

2007 Graduated from Keio University with a bachelor's degree in Biosciences and Informatics  
2008-2018 Worked for a patent agent firm  
2010 Registered as a patent attorney  
2016 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)  
2018 Joined Saegusa & Partners Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

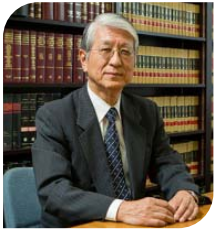
■ Specialties

Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals, Chemistry, Foods

## Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Department

Associate

**Yoshimitsu SUZUKI**



■ Education and Personal History

1971 Graduated from Kyoto Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering

1971~1973 Worked for Toshiba Corporation

1974 Registered as a patent attorney

1975~1979 Worked for a patent agent firm

1979~2016 Founded Suzuki & Co.

2016 Merged with Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Electricity, Mechanical Engineering, Automatic Control

Associate

**Kenta NITTA**

■ Education and Personal History

2003 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Physical Engineering

2005 Registered as a patent attorney

2005-2008 Worked for a patent agent firm

2009 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Mechanical Engineering, Physical Engineering, Daily Necessities

Associate

**Hiroshi TSURU**



■ Education and Personal History

1995 Graduated from Tokyo Institute of Technology with a bachelor's degree in Social Engineering

1997 Obtained a master's degree in Built Environment from the Graduate School of Tokyo Institute of Technology

1998-2003 Worked for Japan Railway Construction Public Corporation

2003-2012 Worked for a patent agent firm

2007 Registered as a patent attorney

2012 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Mechanical Engineering, Automatic Control, Civil Engineering

Associate

**Shingo UEDA**



■ Education and Personal History

Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Earth Sciences

2005-2012 Worked for a patent agent firm

2006 Registered as a patent attorney

2012 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Electricity, Mechanical Engineering, Automatic Control

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**Associate**

**Miho OKUYAMA**

■ Education and Personal History

Graduated from Kansai University with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering

Obtained a master's degree in electrical engineering from the Graduate School of Kansai University

Worked for an industrial electronics manufacturer.

2005-2008 Worked for a patent agent firm

2005 Passed patent agent examination

2013 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2013 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Electricity, Communication Engineering, Automatic Control

## Trademarks & Design Department

### Partner

#### Yasunobu MATSUMOTO



##### ■ Education and Personal History

1999 Graduated from Sophia University with a bachelor's degree in law

1999-2004 Worked for Japan Patent Information Organization

2004 Registered as a patent attorney

2005 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2011 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

##### ■ Memberships

JPAA, Japan Trademark Association , APAA

##### ■ Specialties

Domestic and International Trademarks, Design, other legal affairs related to Intellectual Property Rights, including Copyright, Specified Unfair Competition, etc.

### Associate

#### Chikami OGAWA



##### ■ Education and Personal History

Graduated from Kobe University with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration

Worked for a patent agent firm

1998 Registered as a patent attorney

1998-2003 Worked for a patent agent firm

2005 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

2008-2016 Worked for a patent agent firm

2016 Joined Saegusa & Partners

##### ■ Memberships

JPAA, Japan Trademark Association

##### ■ Specialties

Domestic and International Trademarks, Design, other legal affairs related to Intellectual Property Rights, including Copyright, Specified Unfair Competition, etc.

### Associate

#### Satoshi AOKI



##### ■ Education and Personal History

2006 Graduated from Doshisha University with a bachelor's degree in Law

2008-2016 Worked for a patent agent firm

2014 Registered as a patent attorney

2016 Joined Saegusa & Partners

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## IP Information Section

### Associate

#### Hitoshi SEKI



#### ■ Education and Personal History

1975 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry

1976-1982 Worked for a chemicals company

1990 Registered as a patent attorney

1995 Joined Saegusa & Partners

#### ■ Memberships

JPAA

#### ■ Specialties

Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry

## Advisers

### Adviser

#### Legal Affairs Department

#### Atsuhiko SHINDE

#### ■ Education and Personal History

1969 Graduated from Osaka University with a bachelor's degree in Law

1969-2006 Worked for a major pharmaceutical company in Japan

1975 Transferred to patent department

1983-1984 Attended AGSIM and obtained an MBA

1989 Senior Manager of General Affairs and Planning in intellectual property department

1994 Director of Intellectual Strategy in intellectual property department

2004 Consultant for intellectual property department

2005-2007 Lecture at School of Law, Tohoku University

2006 Joined Saegusa & Partners.

#### ■ Main Work

Mr. Shinde's main work relates to licensing in Japan and the United States.

## Tokyo Office Chemical and Biotechnology Department

Tokyo Office Director and Partner

### Kenji SAITO

■ Education and Personal History

1984 Graduated from Hiroshima University with a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy  
1986 Obtained a master's degree in Pharmacy from the Graduate School of Hiroshima University  
1986-1989 Worked for a cosmetics company  
1990 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
1990 Registered as a patent attorney  
Adviser to public agencies

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biotechnology

Partner

### Masafumi FUJITA



■ Education and Personal History

1999 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Applied Life Sciences  
2001 Obtained a master's degree in Applied Life Sciences from the Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University  
2001-2003 Worked for a food company  
2003-2004 Worked for a patent agent firm  
2004 Joined Saegusa & Partners  
2009 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals, Foods, Material Science

Associate

### Miho IKEGAMI



■ Education and Personal History

1996 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Food Technology  
1998 Obtained a master's degree in Food Technology from the Graduate School of Agriculture, Kyoto University  
1998-2012 Worked for a patent agent firm (Onda Techno International Patent Attorneys)  
2006 Registered as a patent attorney  
2012 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA, Japan Bioindustry Association

■ Specialties

Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Food Science, Medical Devices  
She has represented more than 2,000 patent applications, and more than 80% of them are applications of foreign applicants.

**Associate**

**Muneyoshi OTORI, ph.D.**



■ Education and Personal History

2000 Graduated from University of Tokyo with a bachelor's degree in science

2006 Obtained a doctor's degree in science from the Graduate School of Science, University of Tokyo

2006-2009 Worked for Tokyo Women's Medical University

2009 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2010 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biotechnology, Chemistry, Pharmaceuticals

## Tokyo Office Trademarks & Design Department

### Partner

#### Tomoko IWAI

##### ■ Education and Personal History

1992 Graduated from Doshisha University with a bachelor's degree in Law

1992-1995 Worked for a printing company (planning and production)

1997 Joined Saegusa & Partners

1997 Registered as a patent attorney

2000-2002 Attended the College of Law at Peking University, and simultaneously trained at the CCPIT Patent & Trademark Law Office and the China Science Patent & Trademark Agent.

2005-2011 Lecture at the Graduate School of Law, Osaka University

##### ■ Memberships

JPAA, Japan Trademark Association, International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property of Japan (AIPPI)

##### ■ Specialties

Domestic and International Trademarks, Intellectual Property Rights in China, other legal affairs related to Intellectual Property Rights, including Copyright, Specified Unfair Competition, etc.

### Associate

#### Eiji TANOUE



##### ■ Education and Personal History

2003 Graduated from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies with a bachelor's degree in foreign languages

2003-2008 Worked for Ministry of Finance

2008 Obtained a master's degree in International Development Studies from National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS)

2008-2012 Worked for a patent agent firm

2011 Registered as a patent attorney

2012 Joined Saegusa & Partners

##### ■ Memberships

JPAA, Japan Trademark Association, APAA

##### ■ Specialties

Domestic and International Trademarks, Design, other legal affairs related to Intellectual Property Rights, including Copyright, Specified Unfair Competition, etc.

### Associate

#### Tsuyoshi NAKAMURA



##### ■ Education and Personal History

2011 Graduated from Sophia University with a bachelor's degree in law

2011-2015 Worked for a translation company

2015-2017 Worked for a patent agent firm

2017 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2017 Registered as a patent attorney

##### ■ Memberships

JPAA, Japan Trademark Association

##### ■ Specialties

Domestic and International Trademarks, Design, other legal affairs related to Intellectual Property Rights, including Copyright, Specified Unfair Competition, etc.

**Associate**

**Mami TANAKA**

■ Education and Personal History

2009 Graduated from Waseda University with a bachelor's degree in international liberal arts

2009-2013 Worked for a computer software company

2013-2015 Worked for a patent agent firm

2015 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2018 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Domestic and International Trademarks, Design, other legal affairs related to Intellectual Property Rights, including Copyright, Specified Unfair Competition, etc.

