

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

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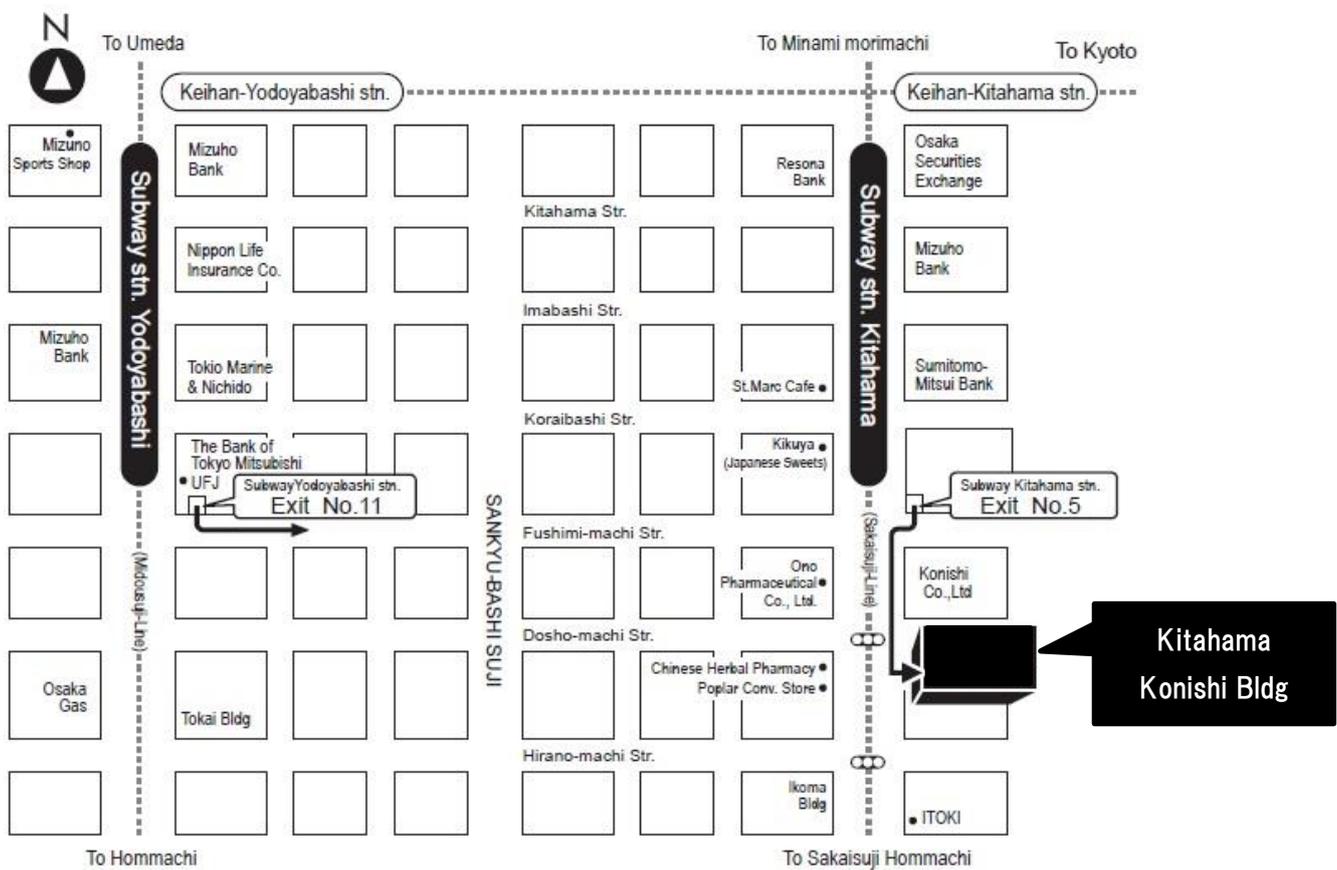
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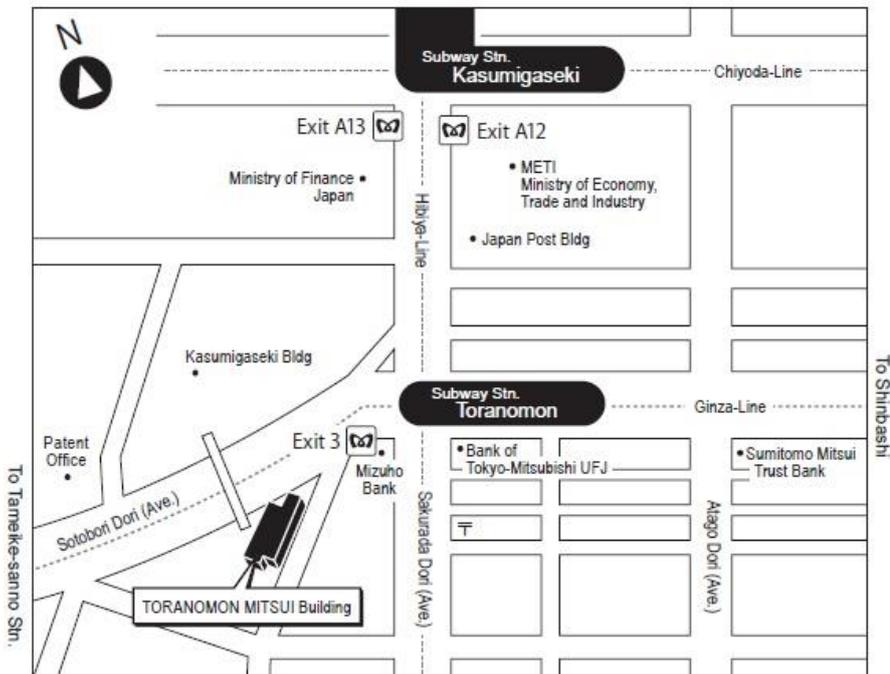


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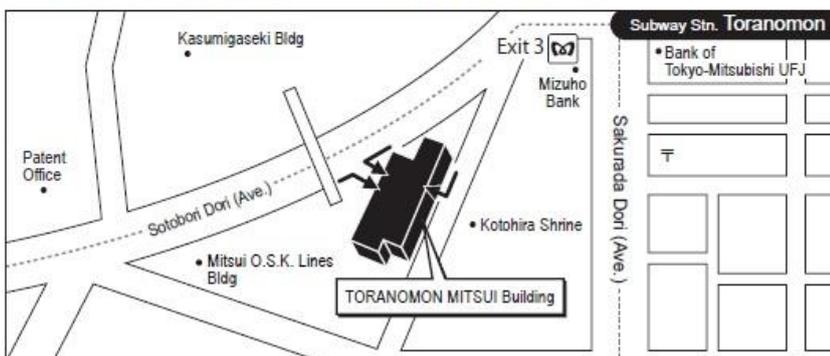
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 Kasumigaseki Station (C08), on the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line, Exit No. A13
 Tameike-sanno Station(G06), on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, Exit No.9



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



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****Tokyo Office****■ 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

**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

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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

**Executive Vice President
and Partner**

Tomoko IWAI

Tokyo Office

■ Education and Personal History

1992 Obtained a master's degree in Business Law from the Graduate School of Hitotsubashi University

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.

**Executive Vice President
and Partner**

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■ 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

President

Masahito HAYASHI



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■ Specialties

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Partner

Masafumi FUJITA



Tokyo Office

■ 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

Partner

Masaki MORISHIMA



■ Education and Personal History

Education

Kyoto University, Master of Science – MS, Applied Life Science

Practice and Professional Experience

Masaki has more than a decade of experience in patent prosecution. Prior to joining Saegusa & Partners in 2008, he served for over 5 years as the head of the IP department of an Osaka University spin-off company that focused on regenerative medicine, after gaining valuable work experience in the chemical industry as a corporate researcher for Lion Corporation.

Masaki is the head of our International Client Department, and, as co-head of our Chemical Department, oversees the work of nearly a dozen attorneys and office staff. He works with a diverse array of clients from various chemistry and biotech fields, including specialty chemicals, pharmaceuticals, fibers, foods, personal care products, diagnostics, enzymes, and stem cells. His particular technical specialties include adhesives and coatings; OCA films; refrigerants; surfactants and emulsifiers; biomarkers; genetic engineering; cell culture technologies; and cell therapy.

He is highly experienced in drafting and prosecuting patent applications. Additionally, having represented clients on many occasions, Masaki is also experienced in oppositions and nullity proceedings before the JPO, as well as appeals before the IP High Court. He frequently provides infringement and validity opinions.

In order to study EPO practice in depth, Masaki undertook an intensive, year-long training program at Munich- (Vossius & Partner, Hoffmann Eitle) and London-based (Marks & Clerk) IP firms. Additionally, to assist Japanese clients doing business overseas, he frequently attends oral proceedings before both the Opposition Divisions and the Boards of Appeal of the EPO. This experience enables Masaki to provide European clients with advice on Japanese IP matters, while ensuring better understanding and satisfaction by doing so from the European practitioner's perspective, particularly in view of the differences between the two regions.

In recent years, a significant portion of his work has been for large multinationals filing patents and/or launching products in Japan. He often travels to Europe to meet with clients, and is a regular contributor regarding Japanese patent matters to *Mitteilungen der deutschen Patentanwälte*, the monthly intellectual property law journal published by the Chamber of German Patent Attorneys (Vorstand der Patentanwaltskammer).

■ Memberships

JPAA

Partner

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)
2014-2015 Trained at Sughrue Mion, P.L.L.C. in Washington D.C.

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Foods, Pharmaceuticals, Chemistry

Partner

Yoshiki KITANO



■ Experience

Mr. Kitano practices exclusively in the field of patent law, with a focus on life science, chemistry, pharmaceuticals, material science, and food materials. He has more than a decade of experience in drafting and prosecuting patent applications worldwide. Freedom to operate, patentability, validity, and non-infringement opinions form a significant part of his practice. He also received extensive training in U.S.-based IP law firms for over a year. The technologies in which Mr. Kitano has been significantly involved include stem cells, iPS cells, antibodies, CAR-T cells, biosimilars, vaccines, nucleic acid sequences, siRNA, immunotherapy, enzymes, biomarkers, biological assays, microorganisms, DNA cloning and amplification techniques, genetic vectors, medical treatments, biofuels, new chemical compounds, pharmaceutical formulations, foods, beverages, flavor materials, inorganic catalysts, optical films, binding materials, and coating materials. He is particularly strong in the area of new uses for known compounds.

Backed by his overseas education and professional experience, Mr. Kitano is able to maintain close communication with international clients. He often travels overseas to meet clients and to attend international conferences.

■ Education

Okayama University, B.A. in Molecular Biology, 2003
Ryerson University, MSc.in Applied Science & Management, 2005
Passed U.S. Patent Agent Exam, 2009

■ Memberships

Japan Patent Attorneys Association (JPAA) from 2009
JPAA International Activities Center Committee from 2014
JPAA AIPLA Project Team from 2014-2016
Litigating Patent Attorney from 2012

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
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2011 Registered as a patent attorney
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■ Memberships

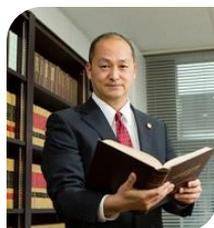
JPAA

■ Specialties

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

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
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■ Memberships

JPAA, APAA

■ Specialties

Organic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry, Material Science

Associate

Miho IKEGAMI



Tokyo Office

■ 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
2020 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication
(authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

■ Memberships

JPAA, Japan Bioindustry Association

■ Specialties

Pharmaceuticals, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Food Science, Medical Devices
She has handled over 3,000 patent applications, including domestic and foreign applications.

Associate

Yasuaki NAMBA



■ 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

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

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, APAA

■ Specialties

Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biotechnology

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

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

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biotechnology, Pharmaceuticals, Chemistry, Foods, Bioinformatics

Associate

Chizumi NOMURA

■ 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

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

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

Yuki ANDO



■ 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

2022 Registered as a patent attorney receiving the additional indication (authorized to represent in specific infringement litigations)

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Foods, Chemistry

Associate

Misaki SAITO

■ Education and Personal History

2017 Graduated from Kyoto University with a bachelor's degree in Applied Life Sciences

2019 Obtained a master's degree in Life Sciences from the Graduate School of Biostudies, Kyoto University

2019-2022 Worked for a cosmetic manufacturer

2022 Joined Saegusa & Partners

2022 Registered as a patent attorney

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Biochemistry, Chemistry, Cosmetics, Toiletries

Mechanical, Electrical and Electronic Department

Partner

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

Yutaka KIMURA

■ Education and Personal History

2001 Graduated from Doshisha University with a bachelor's degree in Engineering
2001-2007 Worked as a machine designer at a private organization
2008-2019 Worked for a patent agent firm
2009 Registered as a patent attorney
2019 Joined Saegusa & Partners

■ Memberships

JPAA

■ Specialties

Mechanical Engineering, Building, Mechatronics, Daily Necessities, Design

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
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■ Memberships

JPAA, APAA

■ Specialties

Electricity, Mechanical Engineering, Automatic Control

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
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Associate

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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
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2009 Graduated from Waseda University with a bachelor's degree in international liberal arts
2009-2013 Worked for a computer software company
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2015 Joined Saegusa & Partners
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2020 Graduated from Queen Mary University of London with a master degree in intellectual property law

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2003 Graduated from Ritsumeikan University with a bachelor's degree in Law
2004-2021 Worked for a patent agent firm
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Worked for NPO, a patent agent firm, legal department of a Japanese company
2019 Joined Saegusa & Partners
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2011 Graduated from Otemon Gakuin University with a bachelor's degree in psychology
2011-2015 Worked as a machine designer at a private organization
2016-2018 Worked for a patent agent firm
2018 Joined Saegusa & Partners
2022 Registered as a patent attorney

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■ Specialties

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2012 Graduated from Seikei University with a bachelor's degree in engineering

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2015-2017 Worked for a patent firm (design and trademark)

2016 Registered as a patent attorney

2017-2019 Worked for JETRO(Japan External Trade Organization) New Delhi in India

2019 Joined Saegusa & Partners

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JPAA, APAA

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2003 Registered as a patent attorney

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2007 Obtained a master's degree in Business Administration from the Graduate School of Hitotsubashi University Business School of International Corporate Strategy Experience

1992-1997 Worked for a cosmetics company

1997-2002 Worked for a patent agent firm

2002-2004 Worked for a chemicals company

2004-2015 Worked for an industrial electronics manufacturer

2015-2019 Worked for a patent agent firm

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Communication, Processing, Computer Programs, Business Methods, Mechanical Engineering (Home Appliances, Measuring Instruments, etc.), Batteries, Cosmetics, Health Foods, Pharmaceuticals, etc.

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1969-2006 Worked for a major pharmaceutical company in Japan

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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.

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