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MAYER BROWN IN JAPAN

Regional Overview





OUR PRESENCE IN JAPAN

Mayer Brown has long served an impressive roster of Japan-based multinational corporations and financial institutions, including their international affiliates. Mayer Brown's Tokyo office supports our Japanese clients in the countries and regions where they do business. As with all of Mayer Brown's offices, our Tokyo-based team is fully integrated with our global platform, ensuring our ability to provide worldclass client service and providing a route for clients to draw on our capabilities. Our global Japan practice regularly represents Japanese companies and financial institutions on a range of transactional, regulatory and contentious matters. Our team comprises dedicated international practitioners, including native Japanese and other Japanese speaking lawyers who have extensive experience advising Japanese clients.

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As an international firm, their regional office has its own strengths and is familiar with its regional uniqueness.

They deeply understand client's business and real objectives and provide real solutions.

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CORE CAPABILITIES IN JAPAN

PROJECTS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Mayer Brown's Global Projects & Infrastructure Group brings together a team of specialist lawyers to advise clients on all aspects of energy and infrastructure transactions—from project development and finance to the purchase and sale of infrastructure assets and infrastructure companies to restructuring arrangements. With approximately 90 lawyers located in 22 offices, the group has worldwide coverage and a deep bench.

Lawyers in our Global Projects & Infrastructure Group have experience on some of the leading transactions worldwide, in established as well as emerging markets. Our team has advised on—and pioneered first-of-kind solutions for—projects across the range of industries.

ENERGY

Companies wishing to meet the growing worldwide demand for energy require advice from seasoned professionals who understand the issues involved in the complex legal and regulatory environment surrounding the industry. The lawyers in our global Energy group have a proven track record in transactions, disputes and regulatory matters across all segments of the energy industry.

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Mayer Brown has a robust legal team in Tokyo, regularly engaged by major Japanese corporates and lenders on cross-border energy and infrastructure projects.

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OIL & GAS

Our global Oil & Gas team is highly experienced in advising clients across the entire oil and gas value chain. Our Oil & Gas lawyers regularly advise national and international oil companies, oil field services companies, natural gas and liquids pipeline companies, LNG project developers, petrochemical companies and refiners, as well as lenders and investors in a wide range of industry matters.

Lawyers in our Japan Oil & Gas team have experience in the acquisition, development, financing and operation of upstream and midstream oil and gas projects, including the development and financing of LNG liquefaction and regasification projects—both onshore and floating—and represent buyers and sellers of LNG in both long-term LNG sales arrangements and spot purchases around the world.

POWER

Our Power team has a long track record of representing utility companies, power generators, gas producers, distribution companies, electricity providers and financial institutions on all types of development and financing matters relating to electric generation, transmission and distribution facilities.

We also represent sellers, purchasers, lenders and investors involved in the acquisition and disposition of power generation and transmission assets and in sales and purchases of interests in pipeline, storage, processing and local distribution facilities.

Lawyers in our Japan Power team have in-depth experience of advising on all aspects of power project development and financing, including power purchase and tolling agreements, debt and equity financing, fuel procurement and transportation, transmission and gas pipeline interconnection agreements, EPC contracts, O&M agreements, and long-term service agreements. They are experienced in all types of power projects including coal and gasfired power projects, hydropower projects, nuclear power projects and solar and wind power projects (both onshore and offshore).

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Renewable projects are a signature strength of our firm. Having worked on some of the very first large-scale wind and solar projects in the US, pathfinder wind projects in Europe, and innovative solar and wind projects in Africa and Asia, our sector experience provides us a unique insight into the economic underpinnings of such transactions and to the contractual, regulatory, financial and risk issues in connection with the operation of these projects. In addition to solar and wind projects, our experience in the renewables space extends to biomass, geothermal and hydropower, as well as related technologies such as battery and storage, EV technologies and CCUS. Our strong understanding of clean energy technologies means that we stand ready to assist our clients across the globe with the energy transition.

BANKING & FINANCE

Mayer Brown's Banking & Finance practice is one of the firm's signature strengths—a strength based on our global platform and an integrated practice covering all the specialty skills that our clients demand. Many of our largest clients are bank holding companies, commercial banks, investment banks and export credit agencies. Our Japan Banking & Finance team has considerable experience of syndicated lending and all types of secured and unsecured financing transactions, including, in particular, advising export credit agencies such as JBIC, NEXI and KEXIM.

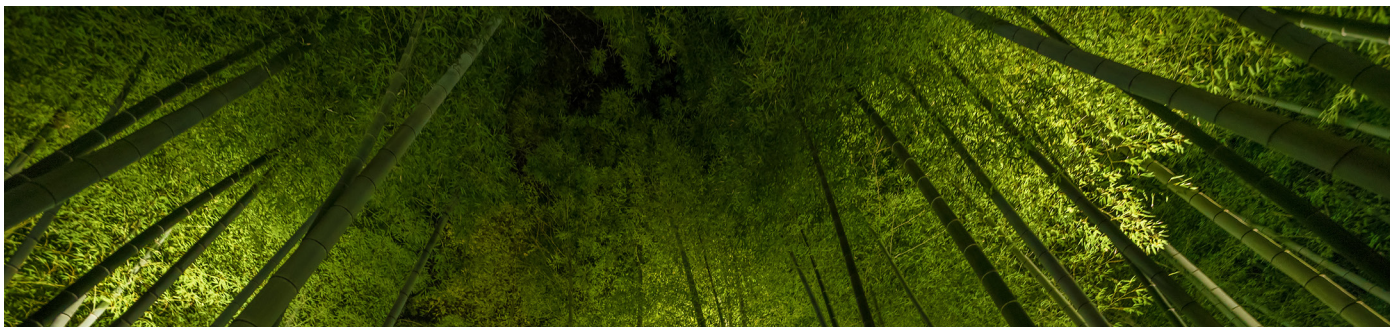
CORPORATE & SECURITIES

Corporate and securities law is a core Mayer Brown practice. Our Japan Corporate & Securities team has extensive experience advising Japanese clients on outbound M&A, joint ventures and strategic alliances, and private investments across a wide range of industries. Our team regularly works with our global Corporate & Securities team to provide seamless service to our Japanese clients. Our expansive global capabilities allow us to handle the largest cross-border deals, while our local market knowledge and deep understanding of industry-specific issues allow us to identify solutions to even the most complex problems for our clients anywhere in the world.

Our Japanese clients benefit from a team of lawyers who not only have a thorough knowledge of the legal systems in which they are based, but who also understand the political, cultural and commercial influences likely to impact the success of a transaction.

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

Our Japan-based and global M&A team have deep background in managing M&A transactions for Japanese corporations, financial institutions and insurance companies in the private and public M&A space and on the buy-side and sell-side of transactions. Our Japan-based M&A team works with M&A lawyers in our other offices, and with select partner firms in jurisdictions where we do not have an office, to ensure our clients are receiving comprehensive and seamless service and solutions.



Teams are built around industry experience with team members that have a background of working with Japanese clients and meeting their needs. We will match clients' needs: we can manage the transactions from Japan with assistance from the team in the target company jurisdiction or manage the transaction with our team in the target company jurisdiction with assistance from the Tokyo team. Our teams include regulatory professionals in CFIUS, antitrust, food and drug, trade, financial and insurance regulators, and FCPA to ensure that even the most complex transactions in heavily regulated industries are seamlessly managed, with ready solutions to the types of issues that are regularly faced in certain industries.

With over 300 Corporate and M&A lawyers across Asia, Europe, the Americas and the Middle East, we handle transactions ranging in size and complexity from mid-size and smaller transactions within a single national or regional market to multi-billion-dollar, crossborder transactions. We have participated in M&A transactions around the globe in virtually every industry.

JOINT VENTURES & STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

We are experienced in utilizing our interdisciplinary capabilities to help Japanese companies establish and grow successful joint ventures and strategic alliances. We understand that any joint venture or strategic alliance requires a sound legal and regulatory framework that accommodates long-term goals and allows the parties to adapt to the unexpected. We have helped Japanese clients create a wide variety of durable and effective joint venture and alliance structures across borders. We also have extensive experience advising our Japanese clients on the many issues that can arise over the life of these relationships and in their resolution.

PRIVATE EQUITY, FUNDS & INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

The firm's Private Equity team is recognized as a leading practice in a number of fields and jurisdictions, and the firm has been ranked for several years among the very best by Legal 500 and Chambers. Our team regularly works with Japanese investors on structuring and making outbound investments into private equity, venture capital, real estate and infrastructure either directly, through coinvestments or club deals, or through funds.

Our team also works with private equity sponsors on structuring vehicles for international investors and fundraising with overseas investors as well as working with our overseas clients on bringing in Japanese investors.

A one-stop shop covering all relevant aspects of private equity transactions, we make the effort to understand our clients' businesses and investment objectives, and include lawyers with industry-specific experience on our deal teams, so that we can tailor pragmatic and innovative solutions to complex investments and problem.

ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG); SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS)

Mayer Brown has a strong track record in helping clients throughout the world address ESG issues. Our lawyers work with global businesses to integrate ESG into their business plans to create value, operate sustainably and enhance their social commitments to operate and reduce reputational, regulatory and litigation risks. Our team comprises lawyers from a wide range of disciplines, including corporate, environment, business and human rights, litigation, government relations, financial services, finance and trade.

We work with our global clients to devise holistic frameworks and response strategies on key issues such as carbon emissions and climate change, global human rights compliance, and diversity under the rubric of ESG requirements.

We also regularly advise on and structure sustainable finance transactions such as green bonds and social repo transactions and ESG related litigation risk.

INSURANCE

In addition to our M&A experience in the insurance industry space, our Tokyo-based and global Insurance team represents insurers, reinsurers, bankers, brokers and investors in structuring and executing sophisticated multijurisdictional insurance and reinsurance transactions. Our experience extends to virtually every type of insurance product, including life, annuity, variable products, financial guaranty, mortgage insurance, and property and casualty.

INSURANCE-LINKED SECURITIES

We are a leading firm in advising on ILS offerings and regularly work with Japan-based clients for their ILS offering. Our partners have represented sponsors, arrangers, initial purchasers and investors on numerous catastrophe bonds, extreme mortality bonds and other insurance-linked securities over the past decade. We have acted on more than 100 catastrophe bond offerings in the last five years alone, more than any other firm. Many of our recent transactions have broken new ground in the convergence of capital and insurance markets.

SIDECARS, DEDICATED FUNDS AND OTHER OFFSHORE EXPERIENCE

Mayer Brown has been at the forefront of the development of third-party risk capital arrangements in the reinsurance markets. We are a leading firm in advising on permanent capital vehicles, sidecars and dedicated insurance risk fund transactions.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Armed with a global network of knowledgeable and experienced trade professionals, Mayer Brown helps businesses navigate complex and rapidly changing trade laws, regulations, and policies. Trade issues are complex, often urgent, and frequently tied to national security concerns. From the war in Ukraine to developments in AI and China, as well as the evolving global trade perspective of the Trump Administration, we provide a formidable and experienced team that helps clients comply with local and international trade laws to capitalize on opportunities and overcome trade hurdles. We work closely with in-house legal teams to identify risks, plan for potential challenges, and respond swiftly to regulatory changes and compliance requirements at every stage of business planning. Our team advises on high-stakes matters, including U.S. sanctions on China, Iran, Russia, and Cuba, as well as export controls on emerging technologies and other restrictions driven by national security and foreign policy. In addition, we offer strategic advisory and counseling capabilities that encompass cutting-edge areas such as outbound investment in artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and quantum technologies.

Through our frequent contact with export control and sanctions regulators across the world, the Mayer Brown team understands how agencies may interpret and enforce regulations in specific circumstances. We advise clients on export and re-export restrictions, including compliance with controls governing dual-use items and defense articles and services, designated party lists, and specific sanctions programs.

Many members of our Mayer Brown team have held senior roles in international trade and national security agencies across administrations—including the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and Homeland Security, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the National Security Council staff. We leverage this experience to assemble tailored teams of former government, agency, policy, and in-house professionals, ensuring comprehensive coverage for your specific commercial and internal needs in any context.

LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION – INVESTIGATIONS AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Our lawyers have the intellectual depth, on point experience, creativity and geographic scope to successfully resolve virtually any type of legal dispute in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Our dispute lawyers have been repeatedly recognized as leaders in their fields by prestigious ranking publications, including the National Law Journal, Chambers & Partners, Law360 and Legal 500. Most recently, our Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice was named a “Litigation Powerhouse and Standout” firm by The BTI Consulting Group in its “BTI Litigation Outlook 2020” report.

We were also listed as a finalist in The American Lawyer’s “Litigation Department of the Year” competition. Similarly, Mayer Brown has been recognized as the Hong Kong “Law Firm of the Year” by Asian Legal Business (ALB) for four consecutive years and the Financial Times regularly recognizes our global litigation practice in its annual “Innovative Lawyers” report in Asia, Europe and North America.

With roughly 25% of its lawyers engaged in disputes, international arbitrations, investigations and managing crises, and over 90 dispute lawyers in Asia, Mayer Brown has one of the largest and longest established litigation and alternative dispute resolution practices in the region. Decades of experience have resulted in a proven record of performance, providing advice in many of the most challenging jurisdictions around the world. In Japan, our team has the capabilities and reach to provide effective counsel. We have particular strength in representing Japanese clients in the developed markets and in investigations and international arbitration in important emerging markets around the world, including those in Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Our lawyers have acted in many of the world’s largest and most complex cross-border disputes, including commercial and investment treaty arbitrations involving many billions of dollars in claims. We represent clients before the world’s main international arbitration bodies, including the ICC, ICSID, ICDR, LCIA, SIAC, HKIAC, CIETAC, VIAC, Korean Commercial Arbitration Board, and the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, among others. We have been recognized for the seventh consecutive year by Global Arbitration Review in its GAR 100, a guide to leading international arbitration firms.

This global experience means that we can provide integrated multi-office, multi-time zone, multi-lingual teams to seamlessly provide excellent legal services and support for management in difficult times.

TECHNOLOGY

Mayer Brown’s cutting-edge Technology industry group assists clients implement digital and data-driven strategies through technology. We help our clients invest, finance, license and govern high-value relationships with both technology providers and users. Our vast experience includes M&A transactions, joint ventures and strategic alliances, intellectual property, capital markets, financing, contracting and licensing as well as litigation and dispute resolution.

Our Technology lawyers have advised clients on thousands of technology matters, allowing us to offer extensive experience and deep market knowledge. Many of our lawyers have worked as in-house legal counsel for technology providers and in business or technical roles for leading outsourcing, technology and supply chain companies. We use this experience to drive value for clients and to advise them on market-competitive terms. Our core capabilities include data rights, privacy and protections, digital services, outsourcing, software development, licensing, and integration.

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They have a broad international experience that allows them to ask the right questions and compile relevant information quickly.

ABOUT MAYER BROWN

The world's most sophisticated major corporations, funds, and financial institutions rely on Mayer Brown to represent them in their most important and complex transactions and disputes.

OUR CLIENT SERVICE PRINCIPLES

- Delivering the best legal advice and service
- Leveraging our deep commercial instincts to serve as our clients' strategic partners and trusted advisors
- Building diverse teams of lawyers from our market-leading practices to help achieve our clients' goals
- Solving our clients' most complex problems with creative and innovative ideas
- Collaborating across offices to deliver the best of our knowledge, wherever in the world it's needed
- Using technology to develop new ways to deliver timely and efficient service



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OUR VALUE ADDED SERVICES

We expect to leverage our substantial resources to offer a robust suite of value-added services and to work with our clients to ensure that they receive the services in which they see the most value. We see these services as core components of our offering and through regular feedback we can refine our offering to enhance the client-firm relationship. We are open and responsive to our clients' thoughts and suggestions on how we can best support their business.



LEGAL TECH

Mayer Brown is at the forefront of technological innovation in the legal industry. Our firm has been recognised as a "Legal Technology Trailblazer" for our client work. We are able to top on a range of advanced LegalTech tools to enhance our service delivery to our clients.



ESG

Mayer Brown advises clients on how to navigate complex, broad-ranging and rapidly evolving ESG issues in an increasingly connected, global business environment. Whether through training or other discussions, we would be pleased to examine this broad-based and fast-moving area with relevant stakeholders within your organisation.



THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

We offer complimentary subscription to alerts, briefings, newsletters, thought leadership and white papers on a variety of legal issues keeping you up to date on the latest developments. Clients are also open to attend our seminars we make available through client alerts and our website.



LEGAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Mayer Brown has a long-established Legal Project Management (LPM) team which includes former practising lawyers and qualified project managers who have a depth of experience in managing large-scale, global legal projects. Our LPM function can work with our clients to project manage their complex projects.



INNOVATION

We are deeply committed to delivering innovative and efficient legal services. Our "embrace" program is a testament to this commitment, focusing on legal process improvement, project management, and the integration of cutting-edge technology. We continuously seek to enhance our service delivery through the adoption of new technologies and methodologies.

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Rupert has been recognized by Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024 in the elite "Hall of Fame" category for "Projects and Energy: International Firms and Joint Ventures, Japan". He has been ranked as the most highly regarded lawyer for Energy and Natural Resources by Who's Who Legal Japan (2018, 2019), as a Highly Regarded Lawyer in both Energy and Infrastructure (Japan) and Project Development (Japan) by IFLR 1000, and recognized in both Projects & Energy: International (Japan) and Construction (Japan) by Chambers Asia Pacific.



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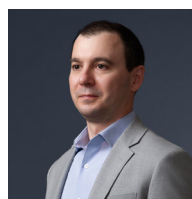
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In addition to his patent litigation experience before various U.S. district courts and the ITC, Jamie has extensive experience representing clients in inter partes review proceedings before the Patent Trial & Appeal Board (PTAB). Jamie has utilized his technical training in electrical engineering to successfully represent his clients in patent cases involving a wide range of technologies.



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Joe is the co-leader of Mayer Brown's global Fintech and Digital Assets, Blockchain and Cryptocurrency groups. In these roles, he advises the world's largest financial institutions, payments providers and banks in technology investments and blockchain strategies and products. Joe's clients also include the world's largest and most innovative blockchain native businesses, token issuers and developers.



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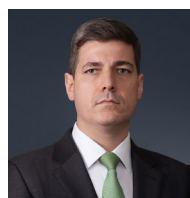
Lisa Ferri is global co-chair of the firm's Intellectual Property practice and the Life Sciences group. She serves as lead trial and appellate counsel on behalf of high-profile companies in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries. Lisa has tried high-stakes cases in federal courts across the United States and the International Trade Commission, argued before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), and the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. She has significant experience guiding companies through patent challenges under the Hatch-Waxman Act and Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act (BPCIA).

Lisa also advises companies and investors in the life sciences industry in transactions involving intellectual property including mergers and acquisitions, collaborations, joint ventures and other strategic commercial arrangements. She combines a litigator's perspective with intellectual property expertise to evaluate and identify both risks and opportunities for clients.



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Clients turn to Thea D. Rozman Kendler, former Commerce Department Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, for all aspects of national security and international trade counseling, including export controls and sanctions compliance, internal investigations, and geopolitical policy understanding. Multinational advanced technology companies, particularly those focused on AI, rely on Thea's extensive experience in international trade, national security, and white-collar defense to comply with the law and understand the risks inherent to their industries. Thea also provides guidance to sovereign governments seeking to adopt laws and regulations that protect their own technology innovation.

Thea has spent her career in the US government and the private sector cultivating relationships with industry and foreign government officials, leading the development of novel controls and global technology partnerships to protect critical technologies. In addition to her experience at the Commerce Department, Thea served as a trial attorney in the Justice Department's Counterintelligence and Export Controls Section.



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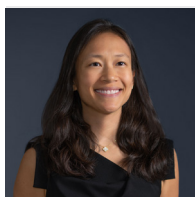
Gabriela advises extensively on technology and data protection issues in Hong Kong and throughout Asia, particularly in relation to business processing outsourcing, the crossborder transfer of data, data compliance, data breaches and cybersecurity issues.



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Nick also has deep experience advising on LNG SPAs and spent 10 months on secondment to BP Singapore's LNG trading team. He is recognised as a leading lawyer in numerous legal directories, including named a "Next Generation Partner" by Asia Pacific Legal 500 and "40 under 40" lawyers in Asia" by Asian Legal Business.



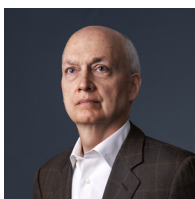
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George Miller, a partner in the New York office, is a member of Mayer Brown's global Projects, Infrastructure and Asset Finance practices. In addition, he co-leads Mayer Brown's Japan Client Initiative, aimed at strengthening and expanding outreach to Japanese clients.

At a prior firm he helped open its Tokyo and Hong Kong offices and headed its Asia project finance practice for seven years. He concentrates his practice in international and domestic finance and leasing, in particular in the infrastructure, transportation and energy sectors. He has worked on numerous "Deals of the Year" and other high-profile transactions in the projects and infrastructure space.



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