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As a boutique law firm focused on antitrust and consumer law-related fields, Ikeda & Someya boasts the largest team in Japan with 2 offices (Tokyo and Osaka) and strives for optimal results for our clients.

Ikeda & Someya was founded on October 1, 2018 as a law firm specializing in antitrust law, consumer law and related fields.

With our firm's two founding partners having work experience at the Japan Fair Trade Commission (Mr. Ikeda) and at Japan's Consumer Affairs Agency (Mr. Someya), they have used their respective work experience at regulatory agencies to lead the way as lawyers in cutting-edge legal practices in antitrust law and consumer laws.

Since its founding, Ikeda & Someya has augmented its team primarily with lawyers with governmental experience and actual corporate legal experience, and currently has evolved into one of Japan's leading firms with unparalleled expertise in the fields of antitrust and consumer law (including laws related to privacy and data).

With the opening of our Osaka office in May 2022, we will create an infrastructure capable of meeting our clients' needs throughout Japan, and will continue to expand

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# PRACTICES -

### **Antitrust and Competition Law**

The broad range of gray areas in the interpretation of antitrust/competition laws makes it difficult to provide effective advice without the perspective of the antitrust/competition authorities and sufficient practical experience. Based on Ikeda & Someya's extensive domestic and international experience in all aspects of antitrust/competition law (including the Subcontract Act), from conventional issues such as responses to on-site inspections (dawn raids) and regulatory investigations to cutting-edge issues, we are the leaders for the practice of antitrust/competition law in Japan.

- Response to on-site inspections(dawn raids) and investigation procedure by the Japan Fair Trade Commission Antitrust and competition law advice Response to antitrust law violations
- by other companies Merger reviews and business alliances
- / joint venture Dealing with issues related to foreign
- competition laws Subcontract Act
- Intellectual property rights and
- antitrust law Antitrust law compliance

#### **Consumer Law**

We define "consumer law" as all laws and regulations, which a company doing consumer business has to deal with. Without an understanding of the legal operations of administrative agencies, it is impossible to make practical judgments in consumer law, including the Act against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations. Our firm has handled many consumer-law cases, including cases involving cease and desist orders and surcharge payment orders under the Act against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations.

- Act against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations / Other labeling regulations Personal information / Privacy
- Whistleblower system
- Terms of use / Terms of agreement
- Pharmaceutical and medical device law
- Consumer safety / PL (Product Liability) Consumer payments / FinTech
- Act on Specified Commercial Transactions
- Consumer Contract Act
- Consumer litigation / Handling of claims from consumer groups

### **Privacy / information laws**

The importance of information laws, which are closely related to the fields of antitrust laws and consumer laws, is on the rise. In particular, as the range of privacy issues expands relative to innovation (technological innovation), it is essential to pay attention not only to the Act on the Protection of Personal Information but to other regulations as well, since related laws are being frequently revised. Our firm provides practical advice based on cutting-edge trends from lawyers experienced with, among other things, governmental agencies and governmental review commissions.

- Act on the Protection of Personal Information
- Telecommunications Business Act Response to foreign laws and regulations (GDPR, etc.)
- Act on Specified Commercial Transactions
- **Privacy Protection**
- Data Protection
- Response to information leakage
- Cyber Security

#### **Other Related Practices and Industries**

In addition to the unparalleled capability of antitrust/competition and consumer law cases. we are proud to offer our strong capability in the related and neighboring areas. Further, we are also familiar with legal issues specific to each industry, including various business and regulatory laws, as an independent boutique law firm, we can offer flexible service in a cost-efficient way without fear of conflict of interest. We are confident that we can be your law firm of choice for various matters in addition to antitrust/competition and consumer matters

- General corporate
- International affairs
- SDGs / Business and human rights Bribery regulations (including the
- Political Funds Control Act) Act Concerning Special Measures for
- Correcting Practices Impeding Consumption Tax Pass-on, etc.
- Trade law / International Economic Law Main industries of expertise: Healthcare, gaming, finance, telecommunications, food products etc.

# SERVICES

We understand that merely responding to clients about legality and illegality based on our expertise may be insufficient for our clients to address their challenges. For this reason, one of Ikeda & Someva's fundamental principles is being "solution oriented", proposing realistic solutions to real problem solving and supporting our clients in achieving them.

At Ikeda & Someya, in addition to general legal consultation and handling various matters, we offer a variety of packaged services and proactively provide services such as conducting in-house seminars and training and serving as outside directors. Depending on the nature of the matter, in addition to a time-charge basis and a retainer fee system, we are willing to establish a flexible fee structure. Please feel free to contact us for more information.

# **Package Services**

- data transmissions (Cookie Law)
- Transactions

#### **Other Services**

- In-house training (in-person/online) Support for legislative changes (lobbying)



# **OFFICE INFORMATION**

## TOKYO





- Responding to amended laws(antitrust laws, pharmaceutical and medical device laws, etc.) Management system for labeling and advertisements. (including IPO support) Business combination for third-party stakeholders
- Claims and complaints for victims under the antitrust laws
- Responding to protection/management of users' information for regulations for external
- Responding to upsell/mail order regulations for the Act on Specified Commercial
- Responding to stealth marketing regulations
- Responding to consumption tax invoice systems (+ price pass-through/new freelance law)

- Membership on internal investigation committees
- Second opinions Outside directorships

#### In the Nikkei Corporate Legal Tax Affairs and Lawyer Survey in 2022, Tsuyoshi Ikeda, our Founding Partner , was selected as "second overall" as the "Most Successful Lawyer" in 2022 in the competition/antitrust category ("third overall" chosen by companies).

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