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OVERVIEW

Emiko Morisato is a member of the firm's Corporate practice, with experience spanning corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, compliance, employment, and dispute resolution for both domestic and international clients. She has gained experience through corporate secondment, engaging in critical projects from the initial stages and providing practical legal advice. She has extensive experience advising cross-border transactions, including contract negotiations, structuring, corporate reorganizations, and regulatory matters.

Her practice covers a broad range of matters, including corporate governance, restructuring and insolvency, commercial and employment disputes, and compliance investigations. Emiko also advises on labor and workplace issues, such as employment matters in business transactions, internal and employment investigations, wage and hour compliance, and workplace safety. In addition, she counsels clients on data protection, privacy and cybersecurity, as well as financial services policy and public policy matters impacting corporate operations.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Emiko entered private practice in 2008. Her career prior to joining K&L Gates was spent in the Tokyo office of another US-based international law firm.

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Emiko has worked on pro bono work, including an administrative lawsuit to overturn the rejection of refugee status for a Colombian applicant, as well as the application process for refugee status in Japan for a Pakistani applicant.

EDUCATION

- LL.M., Stanford Law School, 2012
- J.D., The University of Tokyo, School of Law, 2006
- LL.B., The University of Tokyo, 2004
- The Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan, 2007

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of New York
- Japan (Dai-ni Tokyo Bar Association)

LANGUAGES

- English
- Japanese

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Current Status of Electronic Signatures Law and Presumptive Doctrine in Japan: Can a Handwritten Signature or "Hanko" Be Omitted?” *Japan Practice Client Alert*, March 2021
- Co-Author, “US Trade Secret Law Case Study: Protecting Against Theft and Adverse Claims,” *International Business Law and Practice*, October 2010

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions