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OVERVIEW

Daisuke Morinaga is an associate in the firm's Corporate practice group. He advises Japanese and international clients on cross-border transactions, foreign direct investment (FDI), venture capital and startup investments, employment matters, and a wide range of commercial agreements.

He has particular experience advising on Japanese corporate law, the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (FEFTA), and related regulatory matters. His practice includes supporting foreign companies in establishing and operating Japanese subsidiaries, structuring and implementing investments, developing corporate governance frameworks, and navigating complex regulatory requirements in Japan.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Daisuke worked in the legal department of TOMY Company Ltd. followed by 2 years as an associate with a Tokyo-based law firm, during which time his practice was focused on Japanese commercial litigation, commercial contracts, and employment law matters.

EDUCATION

- J.D., Keio University Law School, 2013
- B.A., Keio University
- The Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan

ADMISSIONS

- Japan (Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association)

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 2 June 2026, Japan Blocks Foreign Acquisition on National Security Grounds, Signaling Increased Scrutiny

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Japan Blocks Foreign Acquisition on National Security Grounds, Signaling Increased Scrutiny," *The Global Regulatory Developments Journal*, 1 September 2026

NEWS & EVENTS

- 16 April 2026, More Than 80 K&L Gates Lawyers Across Asia-Pacific Recognised in 2027 Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch Editions
- 16 December 2024, K&L Gates Advises Auto Components Manufacturer Motherson on Acquisition of Japanese Manufacturer Atsumitec
- 3 October 2023, K&L Gates Advises Live-Streaming Platform 17LIVE on Landmark De-SPAC Business Combination in Singapore

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Benefits and ESOPs
- Corporate Governance
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital

INDUSTRIES

- Consumer Goods and Services
- Sports

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

Corporate

- Advised a US-based AI company on the establishment of a joint venture in Japan, including the design of the transaction structure, negotiation of the shareholders' agreement, structuring of preferred share arrangements, and implementation of corporate governance frameworks.
- Advised a global apparel and lifestyle company on its entry into the Japanese market, including the establishment of its Japanese subsidiary and the launch of its business operations in Japan.
- Advised a US university on the establishment and operation of an educational presence in Japan.

- Advised a technology startup on the issuance of preferred shares, stock acquisition rights, and bonds with stock acquisition rights, including transaction structuring, issuance procedures, compliance with the Japanese Companies Act, and preparation of related documentation.

M&A

- Advised on a cross-border share transfer transaction in the automotive parts industry, including Japanese legal due diligence, transaction document negotiations, and closing matters.
- Advised on a cross-border investment in the digital media and live streaming sector, including Japanese law analysis and support for transaction execution.
- Advised on a corporate restructuring involving a technology company, including Japanese corporate law and corporate governance matters relating to its Japanese subsidiary.

Foreign Direct Investment / Regulatory

- Advised on investments in AI, software, and data-related businesses with respect to compliance with the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act of Japan (FEFTA), including prior notification and post-investment reporting requirements.
- Advised a leading US venture capital investment platform on regulatory compliance matters relating to its investment activities and business operations in Japan, including requirements under the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act of Japan (FEFTA).

Labor and Disputes

- Advised a multinational medical device company in an employment dispute with a former employee, including representation in labor tribunal proceedings and related employment law matters.
- Advised an overseas creditor in connection with enforcement proceedings against assets located in Japan, including attachment and realization proceedings involving book-entry bonds and other financial assets.
- Advised a global digital platform company on internal investigations relating to employee misconduct and related compliance matters.