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Yasutaka Nishikori is a partner of Nishimura & Asahi who specializes in financial transactions (including capital market transactions) and regulations of financial institutions. Putting some focus on financial transactions and financial regulations, he has also advised on a broad range of projects such as international disputes regarding financial products and M&As (especially, those involving financial institutions). Projects he has represented include the Global IPO of Dai-ichi Life Insurance in 2010, the capital restructuring to repay governmental funds by Aozora Bank in 2013 and Citi's sales of its Japanese retail banking business and credit card business in 2014 and 2015. He has won the "Deal of the Year" award at the Japan Achievement Awards 2014/2015, hosted by FinanceAsia and the "Japan Deal of the Year" award at the Japan Law Awards 2015 sponsored by ALB (Asian Legal Business) with respect to Suntory Holdings' acquisition of Beam, Inc. in 2014.

His practice area also includes international taxation. Taking advantage of his considerable experience in advising on international financial transactions, he gives practical tax advice to clients both at the stage of structuring transactions and during tax disputes, especially in relation to complicated financial instruments. He successfully represented Tokyo Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance in contesting a tax assessment on a cross-border reinsurance transaction ceding earthquake-related risks.

Qualifications

- Admitted in Japan (1995)
- Admitted in New York (2002)

Education

- Harvard Law School (LL.M.) (2001)
- The University of Tokyo (LL.B.) (1992)

Other Professional Experience

- Lecturer, Keio University Law School (2014-)

- Member of Expert Committee on Anti-Tax Haven Legislation and Intangible Assets, organized by Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (2013)
- Visiting Associate Professor, University of Tokyo Graduate Schools for Law and Politics (2010-2013)
- Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, New York (2001-2002)

Representative Publications

- Analysis of Issue Prices in Public Offerings (Co-author, Yuhikaku, 2015)
- Comparative Income Taxation - Third Edition (Co-author, Kluwer Law International, 2010)
- Corpus Juris Finance (Co-author, Shojihomu Kenkyukai, 2003)

Recognitions

- ALB Japan Law Awards 2015 - Debt Market Deal of the Year, M&A Deal of the Year, and Japan Deal of the Year
- Best Lawyers (Capital Markets, 2015)
- FinanceAsia Japan Achievement Awards 2014/2015 - Deal of the Year
- Asian-MENA Counsel - Deals of the Year 2014
- Chambers Global - The World's Leading Lawyers for Business 2015
- Chambers Asia-Pacific 2015 (Capital Markets)

Languages

- Japanese, English