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Yutaro Kawabata frequently acts as counsel in international arbitrations under the UNCITRAL, ICC, SIAC, JCAA and other institutional rules, and court litigations in all tiers of the Japanese judicial system. During his career at Nishimura & Asahi, he has represented numerous multinational companies in various industries, such as the automobile, pharmaceutical, food & beverage, apparel and franchise industries. Mr. Kawabata's ambition is to provide efficient and practical services to clients in relation to disputes with international aspects using his experience of many years spent living outside of Japan. He also focuses on providing advice on the resolution of commercial disputes, in particular termination of capital and business alliances and termination of continuous long term contracts under Japanese law.

### Qualifications

- Japan (2004)

### Education

- April 2003 - October 2004 Legal Training and Research Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan
- April 1998 - March 2002 Keio University, Faculty of Law Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

### Other Professional Experience

- 2009 - 2015 Keio University, Faculty of Policy Management and Faculty of Environment and Information Studies, Lecturer
- 2006 - 2008 Japan Association of Arbitrators, Deputy Secretary
- 2015 - Japan Association of Arbitrators, Co-chair, International Arbitration/ADR Committee
- 2019 - Young SIAC Member, Singapore International Arbitration Centre (SIAC)
- 2020 - Inter Pacific Bar Association, Dispute Resolution & Arbitration Committee Vice-Chair

### Work Highlights

- Representing a Japanese electronics and component devices manufacturer in an ICC arbitration against its US licensee in a license agreement termination dispute.

- Representing a Japanese cream puff franchisor in a JCAA arbitration against its Hong Kong/PRC franchisee in a franchise agreement termination dispute (including providing strategic advice pertaining to interim measures before a High Court in Hong Kong).
- Representing a German automotive manufacturer in an ICC arbitration against its business alliance partner.
- Representing a global pharmaceutical company in an ICC arbitration against its co-promotion partner.
- Representing a Hong Kong cosmetic distributor in an UNCITRAL arbitration administered by the JCAA against its principal in Japan.
- Representing a Japanese automotive manufacturer in a JCAA arbitration against its distributor in the Middle East in a distributorship agreement termination dispute.
- Advising a Japanese electronics and component devices trading house engaged in a CIETAC arbitration seated in Beijing.
- Representing a Japanese electronics and component devices manufacturer in an ICC arbitration in relation to termination of its agreement.
- Representing a subsidiary of a Japanese manufacturer in the Middle East (Dubai) in a JCAA arbitration against its distributor for Iran.
- Representing a Japanese corporation in a SIAC arbitration against its licensee in the Middle East (Dubai).

### **Representative Publications**

- 2016 Law and Practice of International Arbitration, Maruzen-Yushoudo, Co-Author (Publication)

### **Recognitions**

- Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific 2020
- Best Lawyers - 2021 edition
- The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2020, Dispute Resolution, New Generation Partner
- Who's Who Legal, Global Leader, Arbitration, 2020
- Who's Who Legal, Future Leader, Arbitration, 2019
- Who's Who Legal, National Leader, Japan - Arbitration 2019
- Expert Guides 2018, The World's Leading Lawyers Chosen by their Peers, Commercial Arbitration, Rising Star
- Who's Who Legal: Japan, Arbitration, 2018
- Who's Who Legal, International Arbitration, Future Leaders (Partners), 2018
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### **Languages**

- Japanese
- English