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Education

J.D., Columbia University
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D.E.S.S., Institut d'Études Politiques
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B.A., University of California,
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Bar Admissions

Japan (*Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*)

New York

Languages

Japanese

English

Kenji Taneda is the head of Skadden's corporate and U.S. law practices in Japan. He regularly advises clients on complex cross-border matters, with a particular focus on capital markets and mergers and acquisitions transactions involving Japanese entities.

Mr. Taneda has significant experience advising on a wide variety of corporate matters in Japan and abroad, including equity and debt offerings by Japanese corporations, financial institutions and sovereign entities, as well both public and private cross-border M&A transactions.

Mr. Taneda was named Lawyer of the Year for Tokyo Capital Markets Law by *Best Lawyers 2023*, in addition to being recognized in the *Asia Business Law Journal's* Japan A-List in 2022. He has been repeatedly recognized in *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Asia-Pacific* and *Best Lawyers* as a leading lawyer for capital markets in Japan. He was ranked as a Leading Individual: Gaiben for capital markets by *The Legal 500 2022* and also was listed as Highly Regarded for Japan M&A and capital markets by *IFLR1000* in 2022.

Mr. Taneda's representations in capital markets matters (including his prior experience) include:

- the underwriters in the US\$459 million global IPO of **Socionext Inc.** on the Tokyo Stock Exchange;
- the underwriters in a US\$500 million government guaranteed bonds offering by **Japan Bank for International Cooperation**;
- the underwriters in the US\$1.35 billion senior notes offering by **Renesas Electronics Corporation**;
- **DENSO Corporation** in its US\$500 million senior unsecured green notes offering;
- the underwriters in the US\$900 million step-up subordinated unsecured notes offering by **Nippon Life Insurance Company**;
- **Simplex Holdings, Inc.** in its ¥33.5 billion global IPO on the Tokyo Stock Exchange;
- the underwriters in the ¥228.8 billion offering of common stock by **West Japan Railway Company**;
- the underwriters in the ¥75.4 billion offering of common stock by **Showa Denko K.K.**;
- the underwriters in the ¥46.4 billion offering of common shares by **OBIC Business Consultants Co., Ltd.**;
- the underwriters in the US\$500 million senior notes offering by **Mitsubishi Corporation**;
- the underwriters in the ¥395 billion global offering of common stock of **Renesas Electronics Corporation**;
- the underwriters in the US\$920 million step-up callable subordinated notes offering by **Sumitomo Life Insurance Company**;
- **NTT Finance Corporation** in its US\$8 billion and €2 billion senior notes offering;
- the underwriters in the ¥167.6 billion global equity offering of **Japan Airlines**;
- the underwriters in the ¥22.9 billion global IPO of **PLAID Inc.** on the Tokyo Stock Exchange;

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- the underwriters in the ¥120.7 billion global equity offering of **Nippon Building Fund Inc.**;
 - **Open House Co., Ltd.** in its ¥40.5 billion global equity offering;
 - **freee K.K.** in its ¥35 billion global IPO on the Tokyo Stock Exchange;
 - **Appier Group, Inc.** in its ¥29.8 billion IPO on the Tokyo Stock Exchange;
 - **Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.** in its ¥359.5 billion global equity offering, which was named Equity Deal of the Year for 2019 at the 2020 *ALB* Japan Law Awards;
 - **Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.** in its ¥339.9 billion global equity offering;
 - **Mercari Inc.** in its ¥130.7 billion global IPO, which was named one of *Asian-MENA Counsel* magazine's Deals of the Year for 2018;
 - **ARTERIA Networks Corporation** in its ¥21.9 billion global IPO;
 - the underwriters in the ¥48.4 billion global IPO of **WORLD Co., Ltd.**;
 - the underwriters in the ¥37.1 billion global equity offering of **OUTSOURCING Inc.**;
 - **Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company** in its US\$2 billion and US\$1 billion overseas hybrid debt offerings;
 - **Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company, Limited** in its \$910 million overseas hybrid debt offering;
 - **Toyota Industries Corporation** in its US\$1 billion and US\$600 million senior notes offerings;
 - **Invesco Office J-REIT, Inc.** in its ¥22.7 billion global equity offering;
 - **Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited** in its US\$500 million senior notes offering;
 - the underwriters in the ¥41.6 billion global IPO of **LIXIL VIVA CORPORATION**;
 - the underwriters on multiple overseas hybrid debt offerings by **Nippon Life Insurance Company**;
 - the underwriters in hybrid debt offerings by **Sumitomo Life Insurance Company** in 2013 and 2017;
 - the ¥44.0 billion, ¥56.8 billion, ¥36.3 billion and ¥34.3 billion global equity offerings by **Daiwa House REIT Investment Corporation**;
 - **LaSalle LOGIPORT REIT** in its ¥105 billion global IPO and its ¥46.3 billion global equity offering;
 - **Mixi, Inc.** in its ¥32.1 billion overseas offering of common stock;
 - the underwriters in a ¥113 billion overseas offering of common stock by **Olympus Corporation**;
 - **SoftBank Group Corp.** in a US\$2.485 billion and a €625 million high-yield bond offering; and as major shareholder in Alibaba Group's US\$168 billion IPO;
 - **Hulic Reit, Inc.** in its ¥70.2 billion global IPO and ¥18.4 billion follow-on global equity offering;
 - selling shareholder in a ¥155 billion global IPO of **Seibu Holdings, Inc.**;
 - selling shareholder in a ¥81.6 billion global IPO of **Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.**;
 - the underwriters, as sole U.S. counsel, on the last 16 SEC-registered bond offerings of **Japan Bank for International Cooperation** (guaranteed by the Japanese government) since 2013;
 - the underwriters in the US\$500 million SEC-registered bond offerings of **Japan International Cooperation Agency** (guaranteed by the Japanese government) in 2016 and 2017;
 - **Invincible Investment Corporation** in six global equity offerings in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019;
 - **Mori Hills REIT Corporation** in two global equity offerings in 2014 and 2016;
 - **NIPPON REIT Investment Corporation** in its ¥24.8 billion global equity offering;
 - **Japan Rental Housing Investments Inc.** in its ¥40.6 billion global equity offering;
 - **Japan Airlines** in its US\$8.5 billion global IPO;
 - **Nippon Prologis REIT, Inc.** in its US\$1.08 billion IPO;
 - the underwriters in the US\$2.25 billion global IPO of **Otsuka Holdings Co., Ltd.**; and
 - **INPEX Corporation** in a US\$6 billion global equity offering.
- Mr. Taneda's representative M&A matters (including his prior experience) include:
- **FUJIFILM Holdings Corporation** in its acquisition of Cellular Dynamics International, Inc. by a U.S. public tender offer;
 - **GungHo Online Entertainment Co., Ltd.** in its acquisition of a majority stake in Supercell;
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- **M3, Inc.** in the U.S. law aspects of its acquisition of Mediscience Plannings, Inc.;
 - **SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.**, as financial advisor to Panasonic Information Systems Co., Ltd., in its acquisition of outstanding minority investments by Panasonic Corporation;
 - **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group** in its acquisition of the outstanding minority interests of UnionBanCal Corporation through a going-private U.S. public tender offer;
 - **Suzuki Metal Industry Co., Ltd.** in its acquisition of Haldex AB;
 - **Nippon Steel Corporation** in various joint venture matters in the U.S. and Brazil;
 - **Panasonic Corporation** in its acquisition of the outstanding minority interests in its subsidiaries SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. and Panasonic Electric Works Co., Ltd.; and
 - **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group** in certain aspects of its Japanese securities business joint ventures with Morgan Stanley.

Mr. Taneda was a partner at the Tokyo office of a large international law firm prior to joining Skadden.