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Emiko Obata

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PROFILE

Ms. Obata has practiced a wide range of financial transaction law at a major law firm in Tokyo, including general banking law, securitization/asset liquidation, and project finance. She also has extensive experience in power generation projects and renewable energy law, and has been involved in legal due diligence, drafting related contracts, and dispute resolution related to the renewable energy businesses.

Recently, Ms. Obata has also been focusing on general corporate and support services for startup companies, and has a track record as an outside corporate auditor.

AWARD

- the Asset Finance Law field of Best Lawyers® “The Best Lawyers in Japan™ 2027 Edition”
- the Asset Finance Law field of Best Lawyers® “The Best Lawyers in Japan™ 2026 Edition”

QUALIFICATIONS/REGISTRATION

- 2003 Admitted to the bar
(Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association)
- 2024 Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)

BACKGROUND

- Waseda University (LL.B.)
- Waseda University (LL.M.)
- Queen Mary, University of London (LL.M.)
- 2003 Atsumi & Sakai (formerly Atsumi & Partners)
- 2015 Training at an international law firm in London
- 2016-2017 Secondment to a foreign financial institution and a foreign solar power generation company in Tokyo
- 2017-2019 Partner at Atsumi & Sakai
- 2019-2024 Partner at Hikari Sogoh Law Offices
- 2024 Sparkle Legal

ACTIVITIES

- Deputy Chairperson of the Corporate Law Research Committee at the General Legal Research Institute, Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association
- Member of the Space Law Research Committee at the General Legal Research Institute, Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association
- Member of the Environmental Conservation Measures Committee, Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association
- Outside Auditor, WOTA Corp. (2024-)
- Outside Auditor, Axelspace Holdings Corp. (2024-)

PRACTICE AREA

- Corporate Legal Matters
- Corporate Law / Corporate Governance
- Startup Practice
- Finance
- Power Generation Project / Renewable Energy

LANGUAGE

Japanese, English

ARTICLES/PUBLICATIONS

- "Internal Reporting Response That Companies Should Keep in Mind Following the Whistleblower Protection Act Amendment" [Manegy by MS-Japan, June 2026]
- "What is a Clawback Clause? Explanation of the Basics, Points to Note for Implementation and Activation, and Real-World Examples" [BUSINESS LAWYERS, February 2025]

- "The Evolution and Future of Corporate Law, and Trends in Practice: Know, Read, and Utilize the Corporate Law (Overview of Membership Companies and Their Utilization)" [DAI-ICHI HOKI] [Kaisha Houmu AtoZ, December 2024]
- "The Evolution and Future of Corporate Law, and Trends in Practice: Know, Read, and Utilize the Corporate Law (Stock-based Compensation and Stock Option)" [DAI-ICHI HOKI] [Kaisha Houmu AtoZ, April 2024]
- "ESG and Law: A Frontier Perspective" [SEIBUNSHA] [co-author] (2023)
- "Renewable Energy Law, Revised Edition" [Keiso Shobo] [co-author] (2022)
- "Research Report on the Latest Trends in Personal Information Protection Systems in Foreign Countries" [Personal Information Protection Commission] [co-author] (2018)
- "The Latest Manual for Drafting Syndicated Loan Agreements - Practical Guide to Domestic and International Co-financing (Third Edition)" [Chuokezai-sha] [co-author] (2018)
- "Revised Supervisory Guidelines: Introduction of Regulations to Ensure the Extraterritorial Effect of Stays and Practical Responses" [Financial Law Journal No. 2056, 2016]
- "ABL (Asset-Based Lending) and Legal Considerations ③: Legal Considerations Before and During Enforcement of ABL (in the case of receivables)" [Banking Law 21, January 2011]