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Overview

Takura Kawai is a partner, head of the Japan Desk in EMEA region and member of the Corporate practice group. His special focus is on servicing Japanese clients across Europe within the Japan Desk.

He specializes in competition law, mergers and acquisitions and commercial transactions. In addition to advising Japanese companies on transactional and regulatory matters, he has substantial experience in advising the areas of FDI and state aid (investment incentives and EU structural funds). Moreover, he has advised on a number of high profile projects in the automotive, electronics and chemicals industries throughout the CEE region.

Takura is a Board Member of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce in the Czech Republic.

Experience

- **Japanese multinational conglomerate company:** Advising in relation to large greenfield projects in the Czech Republic.
- **Major global trading company:** Advising on restructuring of its distribution business in CEE.
- **Multinational logistics company:** Advising on the acquisition of a large Czech and Slovak logistics business.
- **Trading company:** Advising on a JV structure and acquisition of a target in Ukraine.
- **Foreign investors in CEE:** Providing general corporate/commercial advice.
- **Manufacturer of electric wire and optical fiber cables:** Advising on acquisitions in Romania and Hungary.
- **Multinational Japanese electronics company:** Advising on restructuring in Poland.
- **Japanese multinational information technology equipment and services company:** Advising on distribution and commercial arrangements in Europe, including competition law issues.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- *IFLR1000* 2021–2023: Recommended as a "notable practitioner" in M&A in Czech Republic and Poland.
- *Chambers Global* 2018–2024: Recommended as a "Foreign expert for Japan" in the field of Corporate and M&A in Poland.

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Board Member, Japanese Chamber of Commerce in the Czech Republic, 2006 to date

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons, Warsaw, October 2015 to date
- Partner, CMS Cameron McKenna (Central and Eastern Europe, Russia), Warsaw and Prague, 2008 – 2015
- Associate, Allen & Overy (Central and Eastern Europe), Prague, 2004 – 2008
- Project Advisor, Legal Counsel, CZECHINVEST, 2005
- Investment Banker (Cross-border M&A), Nomura Securities Tokyo, 2004
- Trainee Solicitor, Herbert Smith, 2001 – 2003

Areas of focus

Practices

- **Mergers and Acquisitions**
- **Merger Control Review**
- **Corporate**
- **Merger Control**
- **Corporate Governance**
- **Joint Ventures**
- **Commercial Contracts**
- **State Aid**
- **Foreign Direct Investment**

Industry sectors

- **Automotive**
- **Manufacturing**

- **Consumer Products**

Region

- **Asia Pacific**
- **Europe**
- **Central and Eastern Europe**

Education

- Katholieke Universiteit in Leuven, 2001, Centre for Advanced Legal Studies, Master of Laws (LLM)
- Oxford Institute of Legal Practice, 2000, Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice
- University of Leeds, 1999, Faculty of Law, Law degree program (LLB)
- University of Washington School of Law, 1997, JD, summer semester
- King's College London, University of London, 2010 to date, Postgraduate Diploma/ MA in EU Competition Law

Admissions and qualifications

- Advocate, Czech Republic, 2004
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court, England and Wales, 2003

Languages

- Afrikaans
- English
- Japanese
- Lithuanian
- Mongolian