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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| April 2022- | Nishimura & Asahi (Tokyo) |
| To date | -Attorney at law, Member of the Corporate Group & Finance Group |
| March 2016- | Baker & McKenzie (Tokyo) |
| April 2022 | -Attorney at law, Member of the Finance & Projects Group |
| November 2020- | SB Investment Advisers (UK) Limited (SoftBank Vision Fund) |
| July 2021 | -Compliance Seconded (UK) |
| June 2020- | ispace, inc |
| September 2020 | -Legal Researcher |
| December 2013- | KEIWA SOGO LAW OFFICE |
| February 2016 | -Attorney at law |

EDUCATION

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| September 2019- | International Institute of Air and Space Law at Leiden University |
| August 2020 | (Advanced LL.M) -Best Oral Award at IIASL Space Law Moot Court |
| July 2019 | Columbia Law School (American Law) |
| April 2009- | Hitotsubashi University School of Law |
| March 2011 | -Degree: Master of Laws |
| April 2004- | Keio University |
| March 2008 | -Degree: Bachelor of Laws |

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| April 2022- | Observer of the Space Law Policy Research Group at JAXA and Keio University |
| February 2021- | Member of the Japanese Space Law Association |
| February 2021- | Member of the Japan Society for Aeronautical and Space Sciences |
| December 2017- | Member of the Space Law Research Group of the <i>Dai-ichi</i> Tokyo Bar Association |

CLIENT WORK

■ **Airport Privatization**

Represented the Japanese Civil Aviation Bureau and the consortium with respect to significant concession projects, including:

- the Hokkaido Bundled Seven Airport Concession Project,
- the Fukuoka Airport Concession Project, and
- the Kumamoto Airport Concession Project.

■ **Space & Aviation Industry**

- Provided regulatory advice in connection with the Aviation Act, Airport Act and space related regulations.
- Provided strategic advice on Japanese space industry, including lobbying.
- Advised on asset finance deal for satellite project.
- Represented the Japanese airlines in relation to operating lease.

■ **Finance**

Acted on behalf of major banks as well as sponsors on domestic and cross-border project finance transactions (PPP), such as electric power generation projects, school food center and waste plants projects.

■ **Corporate**

Advised on mergers, acquisitions, business alliances, licensing or lobbying for various kinds of projects.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Space Finance and Space Insurance* (Securitization Forum of Japan Journal 20)
- *Space Business Guide from Japanese Lawyer's Point of View* (Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association : *Doubunkan Shuppan*)

LECTURES

- *Practical points of space resource utilization business*, KINYUZAIMU KENKYUKAI Co., Ltd.
- *Consideration of security interest regarding space assets and importance of space insurance*, Securitization Forum of Japan