

Takahiro ITO

Partner

Qualification

Admitted in Japan (2012)

Education

2011 Hitotsubashi University, the School of Law (J.D.)

2009 Hitotsubashi University (LL.B.)



Professional Experience

2012 - 2019 Seiwa Patent & Law

2015 - 2017 Intellectual Property Division, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation
(Current: Nippon Steel Corporation)

Major Achievements

Litigation concerning corporate transaction disputes

Litigation involving directors liability regarding corporate accounting (representing directors and officers)

Shareholder derivative lawsuits (representing companies and directors)

Litigation against solar power funds (representing the funds)

Lawsuits and provisional injunction concerning tender offers (TOBs) and management buyouts (MBOs) (representing companies and directors)

Litigation and provisional injunctions concerning corporate control

Patent, trademark, and intellectual property right infringement litigation (representing right holders and alleged infringers)

Representation in trade secret infringement litigation (representing right holders)

Litigation against acts of unfair competition (representing right holders and alleged infringers)

Appeals, trials, and oppositions before the Japan Patent Office (JPO) (representing applicants and opponents)

Request for border measures to suspend the importation of counterfeit goods into Japan (representing right holders)

Addressing online intellectual property right infringement, trademark infringement, and violations of Act against Unjustifiable Premiums and Misleading Representations (representing right holders)

Preparation of expert opinions on patent infringement and invalidity, and handling responses to patent infringement warning letters (representing right holders and infringers)

Review and negotiation of IP-related agreements, including joint development agreements and license agreements

Review of system development agreements and representation in disputes involving system development contracts

Advising on intellectual property due diligence, and patent clearance

Corporate investigation (misconduct by officers and information leakage by employees)

Negotiations and response to local municipalities in relation to solar power projects (representing the power plant)

Advising on real estate leasing (representing the lessors)



Defamation litigation against weekly magazines (representing the victims)
Assisting companies with the shareholders meeting and shareholder relations
Drafting internal whistleblowing regulations and providing hotline services

Languages

Japanese, English