



## Naoki Kawada

### Partner

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## OVERVIEW

Naoki Kawada is a partner in the firm's Los Angeles office. Naoki also spends a significant amount of his time in the firm's Tokyo office. He is a member of the Mergers and Acquisitions practice group.

## PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Naoki, a Japanese native, has practiced over 20 years in the US and focuses his practice on cross-border M&A, joint venture, financing, entertainment, technology, and intellectual property transactions. In addition, he regularly counsels many Japanese businesses operating in the US on day-to-day legal matters, including but not limited to, corporate, commercial, real estate, labor and employment, and regulatory matters. He represents many clients in food, hotels, manufacturing, and entertainment industries. Prior to joining the firm, Naoki was a partner at a Los Angeles office of a prominent international law firm and headed its firmwide Japan practice group.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- Named to the Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, 2008, 2011, 2012

## PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Japanese Food Culture Association - Founding member
- Japan Business Association of Southern California - Past vice president
- La Nebuta - Sensumochi (Float Conductor)

## SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- FRONTEO business seminars
- Young President Organization
- Chuo University Shimpoukai

## EDUCATION

- J.D., University of San Diego School of Law, 1998
- B.S., Washington University in St. Louis, 1995

## ADMISSIONS

- Bar of California

## LANGUAGES

- Japanese
- Korean
- Russian

## NEWS & EVENTS

- 9 May 2023, K&L Gates Bolsters Corporate, IP Practices with Los Angeles Partner Additions

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, and Cosmetics (FDA)
- Immigration
- Rail and Roads
- Technology Transactions and Sourcing

## REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Represent Japanese companies on their corporate reorganization, restructuring and dissolution of their US subsidiaries.
- Represent Japanese companies on their acquisitions of and investment to their overseas businesses.
- Represent Japanese companies on their disposition and liquidation of their overseas subsidiaries.
- Represent Japanese hotel owners and operators on their acquisition, disposition and management of their hotel portfolios.

- Represent a Japanese company on their acquisition, disposition and management of their golf course portfolios.