

Hitoshi Akiba

Counsel

JP Tower 14th Floor

2-7-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan 100

t +81.03.673.333.70 | f +81.03.673.300.11

hakiba@ktslaw.com

Services

Adversarial Patent ProsecutionSM

Asset Creation - Prosecution &
Counseling

Intellectual Property

Licensing, Transactions &
Monetization

Market Protection - Opinions &
Dispute Avoidance

Patent Due Diligence

Patent Litigation

Patents

Post-Grant Proceedings

Trade Secrets

Industries

Energy

Health & Life Sciences



Hitoshi Akiba is head of the firm's affiliated office in Tokyo, Japan. He focuses his practice on intellectual property, representing clients in a variety of matters including counseling on patent matters, patent infringement litigation, patent licensing and patent transaction. Hitoshi has successfully represented clients in various patent licensing activities. Also, he has provided advice to foreign clients with a broad experience in the Japanese patent system. He also leads patent prosecution work and prior art search/invalidity analysis work of Tokyo Office, which are widely appreciated by foreign clients. Prior to joining the firm, Hitoshi had worked in Hitachi, Ltd. and Renesas Technology Corp. as a IP counsel for over 15 years.

Education

Cornell Law School LL.M. (2000)

Chuo University LL.B. (1999)

University of Electro-Communications B.E. (1990)

Admissions

New York (2001)

Court Admissions

Japan Patent Attorneys Association (1993)

Professional & Community Activities

American Intellectual Property Law Association, Member

Japan Patent Attorneys Association, Member

Insights

[Webinars](#)

Patent Law Update: Notable Cases and Their Implications for In-House Counsel
December 5, 2024

[Webinars](#)

Top Issues Litigators Wish Prosecutors Addressed During Prosecution
December 5, 2024

[Alert](#)

Update – New Guidance Confirms that Certain Japanese Products are Eligible for Inflation Reduction Act EV Tax Credits
April 6, 2023

[Perspectives](#)

5 Key Takeaways | Recent Changes to Patent Law in Asia
August 19, 2019

[Events](#)

Recent Changes to Patent Law in Asia and Export Controls
August 5, 2019