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LEGAL EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

August 2025	Leiden University - European and International Human Rights Law, Advanced LL.M.
March 2019	University of Zurich - Visiting Scholar
January 2013 -present	Field-R Law Offices, Tokyo
December 2012	Legal Training and Research Institute of Japan
March 2010	University of Tokyo - School of Law, Tokyo J.D.
March 2008	University of Tokyo - Faculty of Law, Tokyo LL.B.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Director/Member of Japan Sports Law Association
- Member of Academy for International Business Transactions
- Member of Japan Competition Law Forum
- Member of Union Internationale des Avocats

ACTIVITIES

- Member of Steering Committee of Pro bono Lawyers Service Project for the Tokyo 2025 World Athletics Competition (2025)
- Vice Chair of the Sports Arbitration and Mediation Committee at Japan Arbitrators Association (2024-)
- Arbitrator at Mongolian International and National Arbitration for Sport (2024-)
- Secretary of Sports Law Commission of Union Internationale des Avocats (2024-)
- Chair of the International Relations at Japan Sports Law Association (2023-)
- Vice Chair of the ADR Committee at Japan Sports Law Association (2023-2025)
- Mediator at Singapore International Mediation Center (2023-)
- Arbitrator at Arbitration Center of Daini Tokyo Bar Association (2023-)
- Secretary of Japan Human Rights Watch Foundation (2022-)
- International Paralympic Committee, Anti-doping Panel (2022-)
- Adjunct lecturer, Bachelor of Law at Rikkyo University (2022)
- International Fencing Federation, Anti-doping Panel (2021-)
- IOC Certificate Safeguarding Officer in Sports (2021-)

- Director of Japan Safe Sport Project (2020-)
- Adjunct lecturer, Sport Organization and Governance at Tsukuba International Academy for Sport Studies (2020-)
- Deputy Secretary of Japan International Mediation Center (2019-)
- Deputy Secretary of Japan International Dispute Resolution Center (2019-)
- UNESCO High-level panel of legal experts on Anti-Doping (2019)
- Member of Steering Committee of Pro bono Lawyers Service Project for the Tokyo 2020 Games (2018-2020)
- Adjunct lecturer, Sports Law and Dispute Resolution at Keio University LL.M. (2018-)
- Adjunct lecturer, Sport Science at Nihon University (2016-2023)
- Adjunct lecturer, Bachelor of Law at Chuo University (2014-2023)
- Case Manager at Japan Sports Arbitration Agency (2014-)

Seminar & Presentation

- What are the implications of the Semenya ECtHR GC judgment for sports arbitration? Sports Law commission, UIA Congress Guadalajara 2025 (October 2025)
- Introduction to Sports Arbitration - Its origin and development in the Japanese context, Kobe University Summer School of Asian Law and Dispute Management (September 2025)
- Pro bono Legal Services at the Tokyo Olympic Games]Sports Law commission, UIA Congress Paris 2024 (November 2024)
- Players' Workload - Japanese Examples, Sports Law commission, UIA Congress Paris 2024(November 2024)
- The Rejection of the Legal Aid by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in light of Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights, Center for Sports and Human Rights GLOBAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ATHLETES (October 2024) *Joint presentation
- Recent cases related to the doping controversy, Mongolian International and National Arbitration for Sport, Sports and Anti-Doping Arbitration Seminars (April 2023)
- An Overview of the Japan Sports Arbitration Agency, Mongolian International and National Arbitration for Sport, Sports and Anti-Doping Arbitration Seminars (April 2023)

- Sports Dispute Resolution in Australia and Japan, ANZSLA & Japan Sports Law Association (November 2022)
- The Transfer System in Nippon Professional Baseball, Sydney University Global Sports Law: Hot Topics in Australia and Japan (September 2022)
- How does the Ad Hoc Division work in the covid environment? Sports Lawyers Association & Japan Sports Law Association (April 2022)
- Organizational Responses to Remedy –what’s happening now in terms of safe sport entities/interventions and what have organizations learned, Safe Sport International, Global Conference 2022 (April 2022)
- Doping at Mega Sporting Events - From Japanese Perspective, Kyoto University & Zurich University, Joint Workshop on Legal Responses to Doping (March 2022)
- Australian Open 2021 & Tokyo 2020 Response to COVID, Australia and New Zealand Sports Law Association (June 2021)
- Athlete Abuse and Remedies in Japan-Challenge to Establish a Center for SafeSport in Japan -, World Players PDM Conference 2021 (May 2021)
- Athlete Abuse, Center for Sports and Human Rights, (October 2020)

Publication

- [Rejection of the legal aid by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in light of Article 6 of the European convention on human rights](#) (International Sports Law Journal)
- [Doping at the Mega Sport Events - from the Japanese perspective](#), Legal Response to Doping (Dike Verlag)
- Pro Bono Service during the Tokyo 2020 Games, Causa Sport 3/2021 (Dike Verlag AG, 2021)
- Ahead of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games – The Fight against Doping in Japan and in Switzerland at a Glance, Causa Sport 3/2019 (Dike Verlag AG, 2019)
- Termination of Coach Contracts due to Bad Sporting Results and the Legal Consequences before Japanese National Courts, Football Legal #11 (June 2019)
- FIFA RSTP Article 12bis/Circular.1468, Football Legal #3 (May 2015)

Web Articles

- [Rethinking the Burden of Proof for 'Not Intentional' Doping Cases & the 2027 WADA Code](#), LawInSport (September 2025)
- [Sports Law In 2025 – Key Issues to Watch in Asia, Africa & Oceania](#), LawInSport (January 2025)

- [Key Sports Law Cases And Developments 2024 – Africa, Asia & Oceania](#), LawInSport (December 2024)
- [Case study: Eliminating corporal punishment in sport in Japan, End Corporal Punishment](#) (August 2024)
- [Sports Law In 2024 – Key Issues to Watch in Asia, Africa & Oceania](#), LawInSport (January 2024)
- [Key Sports Law Cases and Developments 2023 – Africa, Asia & Oceania](#), LawInSport (December 2023)
- [Sports Law In 2023 – Key Issues to Watch in Asia, Africa & Oceania](#), LawInSport (January 2023)
- [Key Sports Law Cases And Developments Of 2022 – Africa, Asia & Oceania](#), LawInSport (December 2022)
- [Sports Law in 2022 – Key issues to watch in Asia, Africa & Oceania](#), LawInSport (January 2022)
- [Key Sports Law Cases And Developments Of 2021 – Asia, Africa & Oceania](#), LawInSport (December 2021)
- [The Results and Evaluation of Pro Bono Services at the Tokyo 2020 Games](#), LawInSport (November 2021)
- [The current state and future challenges of the Japan Sports Arbitration Agency](#), LawInSport (July 2018)
- [Must athletes prove how a banned substance entered their body to establish lack of intention?](#), LawInSport (October 2017)