Insightful, strategic, committed
Pioneers at the forefront
of legal thinking
We work in partnership with our clients to solve even those seemingly insurmountable challenges and problems.

At Nishimura & Asahi, we provide innovative approaches that open the way for successful corporate strategies. As pioneers in the field of business law, we continue to push the frontiers of legal thinking.
Proudly based in Japan, expanding to Asia and beyond. With a network that extends throughout Japan and overseas, Nishimura & Asahi is an international law firm that provides a full range of legal services.
The merger of several Top law firms that evolved into a firm capable of providing a full range of legal services.

Nishimura & Asahi evolved into its present form through the integration of several diverse law firms offering highly specialized services. By utilizing each other’s strengths, experience and knowledge, we have expanded our areas of expertise and enhanced our ability to act swiftly, giving us the capability to handle any unforeseen changes in the socio-economic circumstances or legal systems.

Over 700 lawyers, the largest law firm in Japan.

Our firm comprises over 700 Japanese and foreign lawyers, with a total number of members exceeding 1,700 including licensed tax counsel, patent attorneys, paralegals, and support staff. Each member of the firm possesses diverse specialized skills and can handle a broad range of legal areas. Their abilities form the collective strength of Nishimura & Asahi.

The number of lawyers: 

700+

The number of offices: 

18+

Building a solid network to meet the challenges and opportunities of globalization.

As experts in international law, Nishimura & Asahi has created a network covering many countries in Europe, the United States, and beyond. Since 2010, we have opened offices in various countries, starting with Asia, as Japanese corporations have adopted new overseas expansion strategies. At the same time, we have established close affiliations with major law firms overseas, enabling us to provide legal services tailored to the laws and circumstances of those countries. We have also opened three additional offices in Japan to support our clients from various locations within Japan to expand overseas. As a consequence, we have a flexible structure to address diverse global business issues.
A full range of legal services, streamlined

One-stop, flexible handling of a wide variety of legal needs. Our goal is to provide our clients with the optimal solution.

Providing solutions where they are needed most.

It goes without saying that law firms must expand their fields of expertise to respond to increasingly diverse and complex legal needs. However, the ability to identify and accurately analyze the fundamental issues and the ultimate goal is also essential. By gaining a deep understanding of our clients and developing true solutions from a broad perspective, we are advancing our business to the next level.

As a full-service law firm, we focus on providing our clients with a comprehensive and high-quality "one-stop service". In modern business, it is often impossible to develop a complete legal strategy if you limit your perspective to a single area of the law. At Nishimura & Asahi, we develop the most efficient and valuable solutions for our clients, by utilizing our one-stop legal services, which allows us to seamlessly handle a variety of related issues.
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Linking a vast range of practice areas enabling us to act swiftly.

In order to provide true one-stop solutions, it is essential to establish a system that seamlessly covers numerous practice areas. By bringing together team members with the most appropriate skills for each project and creating project teams that reach beyond individual fields, Nishimura & Asahi intrinsically encourages professionals with varied legal expertise to collaborate efficiently.

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M&A
Corporate
Finance
Real Estate
Restructuring & Insolvency
Dispute Resolution

IP
Corporate Crisis Management
Competition Law/ Antitrust Law
Tax
Labor

Consumer Law
International Trade
Cross Border Practice
Wealth Management
Public Interest Activities
Natural Resources & Energy

IT/Media/Entertainment
Life Sciences/Healthcare
Technology
Digital Transformation (DX)/ Digital Innovation
Asia
Middle East

European Countries/
Russia
North America
Latin America
Africa
Oceania
Individual strengths in unison are the foundation of the organization. Our cohesiveness is our strength.

700 legal minds, one bespoke service

Building cohesion by actively uniting individual capabilities. At Nishimura & Asahi, we believe the ideal organization is one in which a wide array of skills come together and function cohesively.

Our clients' problems require a multi-faceted/diverse approach, and we pride ourselves on always assigning our best legal minds to the problem at hand. This shared value inevitably gives rise to a spirit of mutual collaboration and strengthens our organization.

Our greatest resource: The outstanding capabilities and specialization of our individual professionals. The driving force behind our organization is fueled by the capabilities of our individual members. At Nishimura & Asahi, we not only recruit diverse professionals but also focus on sharing knowledge and training individuals. We believe that our shared philosophy that unites individuals from a wide range of specializations and backgrounds gives us limitless potential.

Our professionals have extensive knowledge of various fields and the legal systems of numerous countries. We hire lawyers whose network of overseas resources greatly reinforces our organization.

Diverse specialization and rich experience

Training & development

Many of our lawyers have studied and trained overseas. We also have personnel exchanges with government offices and businesses to help our lawyers acquire greater knowledge and build stronger connections.

Our clients' trust leads to higher quality services

An uncompromising commitment to quality is another shared value that forms the cornerstone of our organization. We win high praise from our clients and gain their trust due to the following three key elements: a) the capabilities of our individual members, b) the cohesiveness of the organization, and ultimately c) our ability to provide high-quality solutions to our clients' problems. This trust inspires us to deliver even higher quality services.
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Opened offices in various countries, starting in Asia, as well as domestic offices in locations outside Tokyo

Aiming to strengthen awareness of our leadership in the legal field and expanding our legal infrastructure.

At Nishimura & Asahi, our fundamental mission is to contribute to the realization of an affluent and fair society based on “the rule of law.” In addition to improving the quality of our legal services through the cases we handle, we strive to contribute to society as a leader in the development of the practice of law, and these efforts include establishing the Nishimura Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and holding lectures at academic institutions.

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