



INVITATION – Women In Law Japan

Panel Discussion on Career Development in the Legal and Certified Public Accountant Professions

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

18:30 – 21:00

Venue: Anderson Mori & Tsunematsu

Otemachi Park Building 20th Floor (General Reception)

1-1-1 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-813

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Admission: JPY5,000

**Joint Hosts: Women in Law Japan
International Women's Insolvency & Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC)
Japan In-house Lawyers Association (JILA), Diversity Study Group**
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Women in Law Japan is excited to announce a special event on Tuesday 13th November 2018 co-sponsored with IWIRC and JILA's Diversity Study Group. We are holding a panel discussion with partners of law firms, an in-house general counsel, and a member of the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants as speakers, to provide an opportunity to hear frank opinions and advice on career development. This event is open to all genders, provided that they RSVP by following the instructions given.

We are expecting a full house so please register early to avoid any disappointment.

We would like to thank **Anderson Mori & Tomotsune** for kindly hosting this event and look forward to seeing you there.

Have you ever wondered, if your superiors or colleagues had given you advice or answers on specific anxieties or honest questions you have, that you would be able to consider your future options more comprehensively? Many wish there was someone they could turn to for wisdom at various stages of their lives, or at pivotal moments of their professional or personal lives. It is our belief that this sentiment is shared with many, not only those with various jobs in the legal profession. As such, for the last Women in Law Japan event of 2018, with the cooperation of the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants we are delighted to invite Ms. Noriko Umeki, a member of the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Council for Promotion of Female Accountants, to join the panel as a speaker. Ms. Mari Hiraizumi is general counsel and head of her company's in-house legal department, and Deputy President of Japan In-House Lawyers Association (JILA). Ms. Yuri Sugano is a partner of one of Japan's largest law firms, and is also the Vice President of the Japan Network of IWIRC, an international organization connecting women worldwide.

The panel discussion will be held in a great atmosphere with an enthusiastic audience that some call the "Women in Law Magic." It will certainly be a unique opportunity to hear candid and entertaining stories from the panel speakers. The panel discussion will be in English, but the Q&A will be conducted in both English and Japanese.

18:30 – Doors Open – Registration & Networking

Admission: JPY 5,000 (cash only, receipts will be provided) to help us to cover the cost of catering for the evening

Welcome Drinks and Light Food

19:00 – Welcome from Ms. Yuri Ide, Partner, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune

19:10 – Panel Discussion

20:30 – Q&A

20:45 – 21:00 – Drinks and Networking

Speakers

Noriko Umeki

Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers Aarata LLC; Chair, PR Networking Expert Committee, Council for Promotion of Female Accountants, Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Certified Public Accountant

As a certified public accountant in Japan, Noriko Umeki has been providing audit and advisory services to Japanese and non-Japanese corporations for more than 25 years. Noriko, as the chair of the PR Networking Expert Committee, Council for Promotion of Female Accountants of the Japanese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (JICPA), hosted the first nationwide event for female members in 2017. She serves as the Diversity Promotion Leader at PwC Japan Group.

Mari Hiraizumi

Director and Head of Legal, Boehringer Ingelheim Japan, Inc.; Attorney-at-Law admitted in Japan and New York

Prior to becoming an in-house lawyer in 2007, Mari Hiraizumi worked at a law firm and served as a fixed-term official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Currently she is responsible for legal, intellectual property and compliance within her company. Deputy President, Japan In-House Lawyers Association (JILA).

Yuri Sugano

Partner, Nishimura & Asahi; Vice President, IWIRC Japan

Admitted to practice law in Japan in 2003. Prior to joining Nishimura & Asahi in 2007, Yuri Sugano worked at a leading law firm in Osaka.

Partner in 2016. Yuri received her LL.M. from New York University School of Law in 2012. She focuses on the labor law area, including advice on labor law and representation in labor disputes, as well as M&A, corporate restructuring and insolvency, and her strength is not only domestic matters but also cross-border transactions, in various areas. Yuri also provides and authors numerous seminars and articles on "work-style reforms."

Moderator: Rika Beppu

Partner, Registered Foreign Lawyer (UK Law), Squire Gaikokuho Kyodo Jigyo Houritsu Jimusho (Squire Patton Boggs); President, Women in Law Japan

Rika Beppu started her career as a corporate/M&A lawyer in London, UK, and became the founding managing partner of a UK international law firm's Tokyo office in 2001. She has continued to be engaged in M&A and JV matters for Japanese and non-Japanese corporations. Rika also serves as the chairman of Legal Services Committee, European Business Council in Japan (EBC), a director of the Lawyers for LGBT and Allies Network, auditor of Asia Society Japan Center and other positions. Her role as the founding president of Women in Law Japan will come to an end in December 2018. Rika is preparing to pass on the torch to the incoming president.

Opening Remarks: Yuri Ide

Co-Chair, IWIRC Japan; Partner, Anderson Mori & Tomotsune

Yuri Ide provides advice to Japanese and non-Japanese corporations, financial institutions and investment funds in restructuring, M&A, litigation and crisis management matters especially with cross-border aspects. Ms. Ide is a founding member of the Japan chapter of the International Women's Insolvency and Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) in 2012.