



## Yuko Zaha

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Yuko Zaha is an international attorney with a keen understanding of legal and business practices in both Japan and the United States, with an ability to bridge cultural practices to achieve outstanding results for her clients. For both Japanese and non-Japanese clients, she advises on a wide range of matters, primarily focusing on merger and acquisitions. She has represented leading Japanese, other Asian, and US companies in cross-border and domestic M&A, joint ventures and strategic alliances. She also supports clients to make regulatory filings related on transactional matters, including antitrust filings, filings required under the Japan FEFTA, and CFIUS notifications.

In addition, Yuko has specialty experience with data privacy and protection matters. She holds a CIPP/US certification by the International Association of Privacy Professionals. Yuko also advises companies on various general corporate matters.

## Experience

### Transactional matters

- Represented a US company of which parent company is a Japanese company on an acquisition of a US food company
- Represented a Japanese IT development tool provider company in its acquisition by a US company
- Represented an international electronic trading company in a joint venture restructuring with a Japanese company
- Represented an Asian affiliated company of an international leisure company in a cross-border acquisition of a Japanese company

## Admissions

### *Bar Admissions*

Japan

New York

## Education

University of Pennsylvania Law School, LL.M.

The Legal Training and Research Institute, Supreme Court of Japan, Diploma

Waseda University, B.A.

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- Represented a leading Japanese company on its proposed initial public offering on a foreign stock exchange
  - Represented an Asian airline company in a securitization deal
  - Advising various funds on securities regulations

#### Pro Bono

- Represented a non-profit organization in establishing and structuring microfinance funds for development projects in Cambodia and Vietnam
- Assisted a number of small business operators in Tohoku region to set up investment funds in order to raise funds to recover from the damages of the Great East Japan Earthquake

### Professional Activities

#### Member

- Dai-ichi Tokyo Bar Association

#### Speaking Engagements

- “Present and Future of Data Privacy Act in California,” hosted by Fronteo, Inc., March 2021

#### Author

- “Will The US Finally Enact a Federal Data Privacy Act - Comparing Bills Introduced by the Republican and Democratic Parties,” *Business Homu*, October 2020 Edition (co-author)
- “Return of Shareholder Activist - Future Forecast and Countermeasure,” *Business Law Journal*, June 2016 Edition
- “Overseas IPO Strategies for Global Japanese Companies - Singapore, - listing strategies,” *Business Homu*, July, September 2012 (co-author)

### Languages

- Japanese