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Education

J.D., Columbia University (Kent Scholar), 2004

D.E.S.S., Institut d'Études Politiques and Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2004

B.A., University of California, Berkeley, 1998

Bar Admissions

Japan (*Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi*)

New York

Languages

Japanese

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Kenji Taneda is the head of Skadden's Tokyo office and its corporate and U.S. law practices in Japan. He regularly advises clients on complex cross-border matters, with a particular focus on capital markets and mergers and acquisitions transactions involving Japanese entities.

Mr. Taneda has significant experience advising on a wide variety of corporate matters in Japan and abroad, including equity and debt offerings by Japanese corporations, financial institutions and sovereign entities, as well both public and private cross-border M&A transactions.

In recognition of his work, Mr. Taneda is ranked Band 1 by *Chambers Asia Pacific 2026* for Capital Markets in Japan and has been repeatedly recognized as a leading lawyer in the sector by *Chambers Global* and *Best Lawyers*, as well as by the *Asia Business Law Journal* as part of its Japan A-List. He was also ranked as a Leading Partner: Gaiben for capital markets by *The Legal 500* in 2026, listed as a Market Leader for Japan M&A and capital markets by *IFLR1000* in 2025 and honored as Lawyer of the Year for Tokyo Capital Markets Law by *Best Lawyers* 2023.

Mr. Taneda's representations in capital markets matters (including his prior experience) include:

- Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC, Mizuho Securities USA LLC, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC and Nomura Securities International, Inc., as joint lead managers and joint bookrunners in the US$2 billion offering of 6.200% step-up callable perpetual subordinated notes with interest deferral options by **The Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company, Limited**. The notes were listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange
- **Sanrio Company, Ltd.**, the owner of Hello Kitty and designer and developer of other characters and entertainment products, in its ¥135 billion (US$864 million) secondary offering of common stock
- J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC as lead underwriters in a US$500 million Rule 144A/Regulation S offering of 5.000% senior notes due 2029 by **Mitsubishi Corporation**. The notes were listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange
- **NTT Finance Corporation**, a subsidiary of Nippon Telegraph and Telephone Corporation (Japan), in its US$2.3 billion Rule 144A/Regulation S offering of senior notes in three tranches: US$600 million of 5.104% senior notes due 2027, US$900 million of 5.110% senior notes due 2029 and US$850 million of 5.136% senior notes due 2031. The notes were listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange
- **Astroscale Holdings, Inc.** (Japan) in its US$153 million initial public offering of its common stock and listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. This was the first IPO by a space debris removal company
- **Trial Holdings Inc.** (Japan) in its ¥38.9 billion (US$258 million) initial public offering and listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. This is the largest IPO completed in Japan so far in 2024
- Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Limited, Barclays Bank PLC, Citigroup Global Markets Limited and Nomura International plc as underwriters in a US$1 billion offering of 4.375% government guaranteed bonds due 2031 by **Japan Bank of International Cooperation**. The notes were listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange

- J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, BofA Securities, Inc., Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC and SMBC Nikko Securities America, Inc. as lead underwriters in a US$1.04 billion Rule 144A offering of 5.875% step-up callable perpetual subordinated notes due 2034 by **Sumitomo Life Insurance Company** (Japan). The notes were listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange
- Nomura International plc, Daiwa Capital Market Europe Ltd., and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc as the international managers in the US$1.3 billion follow-on offering of common stock by **Socionext Inc.** (Japan)
- the underwriters in the US$459 million global IPO of **Socionext Inc.** on the Tokyo Stock Exchange
- the underwriters in a US$500 million government guaranteed bonds offering by **Japan Bank for International Cooperation**
- the underwriters in the US$1.35 billion senior notes offering by **Renesas Electronics Corporation**
- **DENSO Corporation** in its US$500 million senior unsecured green notes offering
- the underwriters in the US$900 million step-up subordinated unsecured notes offering by **Nippon Life Insurance Company**
- **Simplex Holdings, Inc.** in its ¥33.5 billion global IPO on the Tokyo Stock Exchange
- the underwriters in the ¥228.8 billion offering of common stock by **West Japan Railway Company**
- the underwriters in the ¥75.4 billion offering of common stock by **Showa Denko K.K.**
- the underwriters in the ¥46.4 billion offering of common shares by **OBIC Business Consultants Co., Ltd.**
- the underwriters in the US$500 million senior notes offering by **Mitsubishi Corporation**
- the underwriters in the ¥395 billion global offering of common stock of **Renesas Electronics Corporation**
- the underwriters in the US$920 million step-up callable subordinated notes offering by **Sumitomo Life Insurance Company**
- **NTT Finance Corporation** in its US$8 billion and €2 billion senior notes offering
- the underwriters in the ¥167.6 billion global equity offering of **Japan Airlines**
- the underwriters in the ¥22.9 billion global IPO of **PLAID Inc.** on the Tokyo Stock Exchange
- the underwriters in the ¥120.7 billion global equity offering of **Nippon Building Fund Inc.**
- **Open House Co., Ltd.** in its ¥40.5 billion global equity offering
- **freee K.K.** in its ¥35 billion global IPO on the Tokyo Stock Exchange
- **Appier Group, Inc.** in its ¥29.8 billion IPO on the Tokyo Stock Exchange
- **Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.** in its ¥359.5 billion global equity offering, which was named Equity Deal of the Year for 2019 at the 2020 *ALB* Japan Law Awards
- **Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.** in its ¥339.9 billion global equity offering
- **Mercari Inc.** in its ¥130.7 billion global IPO, which was named one of *Asian-MENA Counsel* magazine's Deals of the Year for 2018
- **ARTERIA Networks Corporation** in its ¥21.9 billion global IPO
- the underwriters in the ¥48.4 billion global IPO of **WORLD Co., Ltd.**
- the underwriters in the ¥37.1 billion global equity offering of **OUTSOURCING Inc.**
- **Meiji Yasuda Life Insurance Company** in its US$2 billion and US$1 billion overseas hybrid debt offerings
- **Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company, Limited** in its $910 million overseas hybrid debt offering
- **Toyota Industries Corporation** in its US$1 billion and US$600 million senior notes offerings
- **Invesco Office J-REIT, Inc.** in its ¥22.7 billion global equity offering
- **Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited** in its US$500 million senior notes offering
- the underwriters in the ¥41.6 billion global IPO of **LIXIL VIVA CORPORATION**
- the underwriters on multiple overseas hybrid debt offerings by **Nippon Life Insurance Company**
- the underwriters in hybrid debt offerings by **Sumitomo Life Insurance Company** in 2013 and 2017
- the ¥44.0 billion, ¥56.8 billion, ¥36.3 billion and ¥34.3 billion global equity offerings by **Daiwa House REIT Investment Corporation**

- **LaSalle LOGIPORT REIT** in its ¥105 billion global IPO and its ¥46.3 billion global equity offering
- **Mixi, Inc.** in its ¥32.1 billion overseas offering of common stock
- the underwriters in a ¥113 billion overseas offering of common stock by **Olympus Corporation**
- **SoftBank Group Corp.** in a US$2.485 billion and a €625 million high-yield bond offering; and as major shareholder in Alibaba Group's US$168 billion IPO
- **Hulic Reit, Inc.** in its ¥70.2 billion global IPO and ¥18.4 billion follow-on global equity offering
- selling shareholder in a ¥155 billion global IPO of **Seibu Holdings, Inc.**
- selling shareholder in a ¥81.6 billion global IPO of **Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.**;
- the underwriters, as sole U.S. counsel, on the last 16 SEC-registered bond offerings of **Japan Bank for International Cooperation** (guaranteed by the Japanese government) since 2013
- the underwriters in the US$500 million SEC-registered bond offerings of **Japan International Cooperation Agency** (guaranteed by the Japanese government) in 2016 and 2017
- **Invincible Investment Corporation** in six global equity offerings in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019
- **Mori Hills REIT Corporation** in two global equity offerings in 2014 and 2016
- **NIPPON REIT Investment Corporation** in its ¥24.8 billion global equity offering
- **Japan Rental Housing Investments Inc.** in its ¥40.6 billion global equity offering
- **Japan Airlines** in its US$8.5 billion global IPO
- **Nippon Prologis REIT, Inc.** in its US$1.08 billion IPO
- the underwriters in the US$2.25 billion global IPO of **Otsuka Holdings Co., Ltd.**
- **INPEX Corporation** in a US$6 billion global equity offering

Mr. Taneda's representative M&A matters (including his prior experience) include:

- **FUJIFILM Holdings Corporation** in its acquisition of Cellular Dynamics International, Inc. by a U.S. public tender offer
- **GungHo Online Entertainment Co., Ltd.** in its acquisition of a majority stake in Supercell
- **M3, Inc.** in the U.S. law aspects of its acquisition of Mediscience Plannings, Inc.
- **SMBC Nikko Securities Inc.**, as financial advisor to Panasonic Information Systems Co., Ltd., in its acquisition of outstanding minority investments by Panasonic Corporation
- **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group** in its acquisition of the outstanding minority interests of UnionBanCal Corporation through a going-private U.S. public tender offer
- **Suzuki Metal Industry Co., Ltd.** in its acquisition of Haldex AB
- **Nippon Steel Corporation** in various joint venture matters in the U.S. and Brazil
- **Panasonic Corporation** in its acquisition of the outstanding minority interests in its subsidiaries SANYO Electric Co., Ltd. and Panasonic Electric Works Co., Ltd.
- **Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group** in certain aspects of its Japanese securities business joint ventures with Morgan Stanley

Mr. Taneda was a partner at the Tokyo office of a large international law firm prior to joining Skadden.