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PRACTICE EMPHASIS

Taro acts as “outside general counsel” to countless local, national, and international businesses. He has been a transactional attorney in downtown Seattle since 2000. He joined the Lasher firm in 2005, and became a Principal of the firm in 2008. Taro grew up in Bellevue, after moving from L.A. in the second grade.

Industries served include: manufacturing, services, trading, commercial real estate, U.S. subsidiaries and affiliated companies of foreign businesses

Despite growing up in Bellevue, Taro is fluent in business-level Japanese.

EDUCATION

University of Washington School of Law

- Master of Laws (Taxation)

University of California, Davis School of Law

- Juris Doctor

University of California at San Diego

- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate & Business Law
- Real Estate
- Tax Law
- Trademark Registrations

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

- Corporate and Business Law – Structuring tax-efficient domestic and international transactions; negotiating and drafting contracts; preparing key business operational documents; negotiating and drafting documents for the purchase and sale of businesses and major company assets; analyzing business entity selection, structure, formation and maintenance issues; analyzing disputes involving each of the foregoing.
- Real Estate – Negotiating and drafting documents for purchase and sale of commercial and investment real estate; negotiating and drafting complex leases; drafting real estate financing documents; drafting property co-ownership agreements; analyzing disputes involving each of the foregoing.
- Trademarks – Obtaining federal (USPTO) and state trademark registrations, as well as Madrid/WIPO international and worldwide trademark registrations; drafting documents for the licensing and transfer of trademarks and other intellectual property; analyzing disputes involving each of the foregoing.



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PUBLICATIONS

- Single Application International Trademark Registration Now Available to the United States, International Association of Defense Counsel Intellectual Property Committee Newsletter 1-2 (Feb. 2004) (with James D. Nelson).
- Barring Consequential Damages Despite the Failure of an Exclusive Remedy, International Association of Defense Counsel Business Litigation Committee Newsletter 1-5 (Sept. 1999) (with James D. Nelson).

PRESENTATIONS

- Advanced LLC Issues: Forming an LLC to Purchase Real Estate, National Business Institute Continuing Legal Education Seminar (Seattle, WA, September 2017), Speaker
- Resolving Commercial Lease Disputes, National Business Institute Continuing Legal Education Seminar (Seattle, WA, June 2015), Speaker
- Retail, Office and Restaurant Leases: Key Provisions and Warranties, National Business Institute Continuing Legal Education Seminar (Seattle, WA, June 2013), Speaker

PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC

- General Counsel to the Japan Business Association of Seattle (Shunju Club)
- Named to “Best Lawyers” by Best Lawyers in America® in the practice area of in Real Estate Law, 2019 ed. - 2024 ed.
- Selected for inclusion to the Washington Super Lawyers List (Business/Corp.), 2022-2023, Washington Law & Politics and Washington Super Lawyers magazines “Rising Star,” 2005-2012
- Nikkei Concerns board member, 2003-2012
- Judicial Extern to the Hon. Christopher M. Klein of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of California, 1998-1999
- Newport High School (Bellevue, WA), Alumnus, 1991



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