Summer Associate Program

Our Tokyo office offers a 10-week, U.S.-style Summer Associate Program that is unprecedented in the local market. Students accepted into the program receive valuable mentoring and networking opportunities and work on substantive client matters. They interact closely with attorneys of all levels (including both U.S. attorneys and Japan-licensed attorneys) as well as with clients, and have the opportunity to participate in various social events in and around Tokyo. More than 50 percent of the associates in the Tokyo office are graduates of the Tokyo program.

The Summer Associate Program offers:

- Opportunities in capital markets, corporate/M&A, finance, IP litigation, and real estate.
- Early exposure to client decision-makers in Tokyo on MoFo teams that are relatively small.
- Cutting-edge work for first-class clients including SoftBank, Hitachi, Fujitsu, and other major Japanese corporations, as well as the main investment banks in the region.
- An international working environment in the largest and most diverse global law firm in Tokyo.

Our Culture

Our Tokyo office is made up of smart, passionate, driven lawyers with a get-it-done attitude, commitment to client service, and hunger for learning. It is a busy office with a long and proud history in Tokyo and a tightly knit, family-like feeling that occurs naturally when living and working abroad together. The firm’s collective culture extends to the Tokyo office as evidenced by the dedication to pro bono work, respect for others, and commitment to diversity and inclusion.

Our Record

- “Japan International Law Advisors of the Year” by Chambers Asia-Pacific Awards. MoFo has received this honor nine times since the award was created in 2011.
- Mergermarket Japan M&A Awards 2021: “Technology, Media & Telecom M&A Legal Adviser of the Year.”
- Tier 1 practice rankings in Chambers Asia-Pacific 2023: Corporate and M&A.
- Tier 1 practice rankings in The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2023: Corporate and M&A.
- Tier 1 practice rankings in IFLR 1000 2021: Corporate and M&A.
Our Practice and Recent Success

- Established in 1987 with 35 years in Japan.
- The largest and most diverse Tokyo presence of any international firm, with over 100 attorneys, including 50 Japanese bengoshi.
- Market-leading capabilities in M&A, technology transactions, IP, litigation, real estate, capital markets, finance, project finance, and antitrust.
- Regularly advise leading international and Japanese companies such as SoftBank, Hitachi and Fujitsu on complex, cross-border matters.

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