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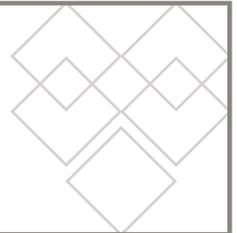
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#### PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

**Yusuke Takamiya** is the antitrust partner at Mori Hamada & Matsumoto admitted in Japan and New York State. He provides a wide range of advice on antitrust and competition laws, including merger controls, cartel and leniency matters, unilateral conducts and unfair trade practices. Mr Takamiya also has significant expertise on cases that require multilateral responses. He regularly collaborates with leading international law firms around the world.

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**Q&A WITH YUSUKE TAKAMIYA****Could you provide an insight into how you approach your work? What drives and motivates you?**

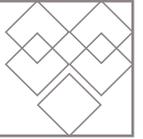
◆ Every time I start working for a new matter, I try to perceive the actual needs of the client in the case. Sometimes, the client does not want pure legal advice from the lawyer, but reasonable measures to overcome a problem they are facing. If that is the case, it is the lawyer's goal to understand the client's problem accurately and provide reasonable solutions to address the issue. In antitrust practice, clients usually have sound knowledge of the basic principles of the law and seek lawyers' advice on practical solutions to achieve their business goals within such principles. I need to have a thorough discussion with a client at the beginning of a case to meet the client's needs.

**Looking ahead, what are your career ambitions and aspirations?**

◆ My professional goal is to become the lawyer who clients call upon first for advice on the most cutting-edge issues in the field of competition law in Japan. In unprecedented cases, I would like to deliver value by drawing on a wealth of knowledge and diverse experience to help find solutions that have reasonable grounds. On the international front, it would be ideal if I could help the competition law community in Japan to gain wide recognition as a pioneering jurisdiction that is actively working on issues yet to be addressed in other countries.

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**Reflecting on your area of expertise, how do you see this sphere of the market shaping up over the coming months? Are any exciting trends or developments on the horizon?**

◆ Plenty of new trends are coming for the competition/antitrust world. One example is an increase in mergers somewhat motivated by the poor economic conditions due to the spread of COVID-19. Such trends may give rise to an increase in complex merger review cases. Parties to such mergers are likely to claim the failing firm defence, so discussion regarding that legal concept may be activated. Second, unilateral conduct by global giants in the digital market will undoubtedly lead to plenty of enforcement action by the authorities. Though various discussions exist regarding such conduct, it is apparent that the authorities are paying close attention to such activities. The third thing to mention is a revival of enforcement against cartels and bid rigging. Enforcement action against cartels and bid rigging have been relatively slow in recent years. I believe, however, that the current economic crisis will surely increase attempts among competitors to collaborate. This in turn may lead to aggressive enforcement action by numerous authorities.

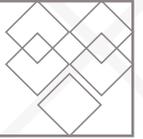


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### REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Represented one of the largest platform operators in Japan and provided merger review advice for its merger with another large platform operator.
- ◆ Represented one of the largest manufacturing conglomerates in Japan in selling its majority voting shares to a foreign competitor and provided the company multijurisdictional merger review advice.
- ◆ Represented a listed pharmaceutical company in an administrative investigation made by the Japan Fair Trade Commission for a case relevant to a frontier market.
- ◆ Represented a listed transportation company in a global cartel investigation and successfully reduced the volume of sanctions to the company.
- ◆ Represented one of the largest manufacturing companies in a metal package industry in one of the largest domestic cartel cases and successfully reduced the amount of sanctions.

