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Experience:

Naoko Inoue Shatz is Of Counsel in the Seattle office with a practice that emphasizes international business transactions including mergers and acquisitions, joint venture, new business formations, contract negotiation and related dispute resolution and employment matters. Ms. Shatz has represented numerous Japanese entities with business interests in the United States and U.S. companies with business interests in Japan. She also has extensive experience assisting global companies in antitrust litigation. In addition, She is a lead attorney for Japanese document reviews, document collections, document retention policy for e-discovery purposes during litigation procedures.

Ms. Shatz's clients have ranged from start-ups and individuals to multinational corporations. She has also served as an invaluable resource for Japanese attorneys and judges who want to keep updated on recent developments in U.S. case law and legislative changes that impact U.S.-Japan transactions.

Ms. Shatz was born and raised in Japan. Before her legal career, she held professional positions in sales, marketing, and business education and received awards for excellence in large Tokyo based companies.

Education

Ms. Shatz received a B.A. from Seikei University in Tokyo in 1987 and a J.D. from the Seattle University School of Law with honors in 2001. Before obtaining a J.D., She also studied International Relations at the University of Pennsylvania.

Affiliations and Activities

Ms. Shatz is a member of the Washington State Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the King County Bar Association and the Japan America Society, and she served as a pro bono attorney for the Housing Justice Project through the King County Bar Association.

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Articles and Presentations:

Contributing author of the web blog, U.S.-Japan Business and Law.

Featured writer covering employment and business related issues at a Japanese community website, Junglecity.com.

"Doing Business With Japanese Companies - Contract and Employment Law," KCBA CLE, Seattle, WA, June 24, 2009.

"What Do You Need to Know When Your Employment Is About to Be Terminated?," Nichibei Women's Network, Seattle, WA, June 19, 2009.

"What Legal Issues Are You Running into When You Are Doing Business in the U.S.?", U.S. Law Seminar for Japanese Corporate Counsel, Tokyo, November 10, 2008.

"Understanding the Attorney-Client Privilege and the Importance of Document Retention Policy," U.S. Law Seminar for Japanese Corporate Counsel, Tokyo, November 10, 2008.

Languages:

Japanese