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The task of recognizing, developing, protecting and exploiting IP has never been more important—or more complex. It is imperative that businesses secure the services of thoughtful, incisive and cost-effective IP counsel. The attorneys, agents and staff of MWZB have been fulfilling these needs effectively for our clients for almost 50 years.



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Miki Motohashi Iino, an associate who joined the firm in 2024, brings extensive experience as a registered U.S. patent attorney with a diverse trademark and patent law background.

Born in Japan, Ms. Motohashi Iino obtained her Bachelor of Law degree there before venturing to the United States in 2012 to pursue a Master's in IP law at the University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord, NH. Before joining the firm, Ms. Motohashi Iino honed her skills as a trademark attorney at WHDA, LLP, showcasing expertise in trademark and patent prosecution and negotiation.

Miki Motohashi Iino is a dedicated professional committed to providing exceptional legal representation to her clients. She is admitted to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and in the District of Columbia and New York. Additionally, she is an active member of the Japan Trademark Association and the American Intellectual Property Association. With an unwavering commitment to excellence and a profound passion for intellectual property law, she remains steadfast in her dedication to her clients.

Ms. Motohashi Iino's fluency in both English and Japanese is a valuable asset in her practice, enabling her to offer comprehensive legal counsel to diverse clients.

Services

Trademark drafting and prosecution, Patent drafting and prosecution.

Technologies

Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Education

- Northern Virginia Community College, Virginia (2024)
- University of New Hampshire Franklin Pierce School of Law, Concord, New Hampshire (2013)
- Nihon University College of Law, Department of Law, Tokyo, Japan (2012)

Honors and Awards

- Magna Cum Laude (2024)
- The Graduate Student Award (2013)
- Honors Award ("Yutoushou") (2012)

Membership and Affiliations

- American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) Japan Committee
- Japan Trademark Association

Admissions

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (2023)
- District of Columbia (2023)
- New York (2018)

Speaking Engagements

- "Everything You're Afraid to Ask About US Trademarks," the 114th Japan External Trade Organization IP Group Seminar (Hybrid), Japan, November 21, 2024 (ET) and November 22, 2024.
- "Utilizing MPEP like a US patent attorney," the Japan Intellectual Property Association, Tokyo, Japan, February 15, 2024.
- "Recent Trademark Practice in the US," the Japan Patent Office Trademark Department, Tokyo, Japan, February 14, 2024.
- Mock Trial, Japan Intellectual Property Association F2 Seminar 2023-2024 in Washington, DC, November 3, 2023.
- "Utilizing Various IP Rights," Japan Intellectual Property Association F2 Seminar 2023-2024, Tysons, Virginia, October 16, 2023.

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Speaking Engagements (continued from front)

- “What are Specimens?” The 77th Japan External Trade Organization IP Group Seminar (Webinar), April 5, 2022 (ET).
- “Trademark Modernization Act,” the 75th Japan External Trade Organization IP Group Seminar (Webinar), February 16, 2022 (ET).
- Co-authored with Hattori, K., “Manual for Expanding Business in the US – Patents, Designs, Copyrights, and Trade Secrets,” JETRO New York, January 2022.
- “US Trademark Law and First Amendment of US Constitution – *Iancu v. Brunetti*,” Nihon University IP Law Journal Vol.13 2020.3, March 19, 2020.
- Co-authored with Hattori, K., “Shin-Beikoku Tokkyo-hou (AIA) Taiyakutsuki (the US Patent Law AIA),” Hatsumeimei Suishin Kyokai, ISBN978-4-8271-1298-6, October 2017.

Teaching Experience

- Guest lecturer, Nihon University College of Law
- Guest lecturer, Tokyo City University