

Press Release

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International Trade and Commerce Expert Junko Suetomi Joins Baker & McKenzie in Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan, September 1, 2010 – Baker & McKenzie GJB Tokyo Aoyama Aoki Koma Law Office (Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise) is pleased to announce that Junko Suetomi has joined the Firm as counsel as of August 30, 2010. She will advise primarily on issues pertaining to international trade and commerce disputes as well as antitrust corporate matters.

Ms. Suetomi joins the firm bringing with her over 10 years of legal experience in both Japan and the United States. Her focus areas of practice include international trade and commerce laws and regulations (specifically WTO and bilateral trade dispute settlements). She also has experience handling general civil and criminal litigation, antitrust, bankruptcy and general corporate issues .

Prior to joining Baker & McKenzie, Ms. Suetomi worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a senior official in the Economics Bureau – WTO Dispute Settlement Division. Prior to that, she spent time working for a global law firm in Washington D.C. and New York. In addition, she has experience as a prominent lecturer at various universities in Japan.

Ms. Suetomi will be a member of Baker & McKenzie's International Trade & Commerce Group. Her arrival and capabilities in the international trade and commerce field will enhance the firm's continuing expansion and focus on cross-border dispute resolution issues.

Ms. Suetomi received an LL.B. from Kyushu University in 1987 and the University of Tokyo in 1999. She has an LL.M. from the New York University School of Law (2004) and Cornell Law School (2005). Ms. Suetomi was admitted to practice law in Japan as a *bengoshi* in 2000 and is also a registered attorney with the New York State Bar since 2006. Before becoming a lawyer, she worked for a Japanese multinational electronics company for several years.

"We extend a warm welcome to Ms. Suetomi," said Yoshiaki Muto, managing partner of the Tokyo office. "Coming from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms. Suetomi is truly an expert in the international trade and commerce field, especially in the dispute area. She will bring with her experience and knowledge that only an insider can provide. Her addition to our firm will add considerable depth to our international trade, dispute resolution and antitrust practices. We look forward to having Ms. Suetomi bring her knowledge to help serve existing clients and solidify relationships with new clients as well."

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