

## Sakura & Spirits

*A Letter from the President*

**By Jeff Shimamoto**

*RBA President*

On Thursday, March 21st, the RBA, the premier International Legal Network in Tokyo, held its first ever hanami party “Hanami 2002” at Yoyogi Park. Despite strong gusts and tons of dust and pollen being kicked around by Mother Nature, the event was a complete success. James Graham of TMP Worldwide and his wonderful fiancée Akiko saved our spot under the trees for our afternoon outing. Never mind that the blue tarps pinned into the ground with half inch red pegs blew half way to Saitama. The tarps in the trunk of my car worked just fine. By the end of the day, there was so much dirt everywhere that we couldn’t even see the tarps. Many thanks go to James and TMP Worldwide for sponsoring such a breathtaking (literally) event.

Thank you also to Larry Repeta, Director of the Temple University Law Program in Japan for his very insightful and entertaining presentation on “Government Secrecy Under Bush and Koizumi.” The event was held at Century Court in Roppongi on Wednesday, March 27 and it as attended by over 30 members and friends.

I would like to say to the membership of the RBA and those who are reading this newsletter that we are stronger than ever and our membership continues to grow. The RBA is constantly changing in ways to help foreign lawyers, legal staff and others interested in the law to network outside of the office. It is with your support that we are able to push forward with the ideas that make us the unique organization that we are.

I hope to see all of you at our next meeting and thank you for always supporting the RBA.

## Springing Into Action

*The Tokyo Market Report*

**By James Graham**

*RBA Member*

Spring is here and soon we will be dripping with sweat by the time we make it to our train stations in the morning, I don’t want to even think about the shape I will be in when I arrive at work. Here’s a tip if you have a morning interview: do your wash late at night and by the morning your clothes will still be damp. This is good. Put your clothes on and enjoy your only moment of relief. They should be dry by the time you reach the train station. Of course, if you have to walk anywhere you are still going to be covered in sweat beads but at least no one will think you are nervous. So while spring is here and the mountains are thawing (and hopefully hiring freezes too), we are definitely not yet into the lazy days of summer, abundant fruit and jobs - but things are a bit better than last quarter. Let’s take a quick look:

The Where are the jobs in Tokyo?	
What’s Hot?	What’s Not?
Experienced Derivative lawyers are still in demand. This includes lawyers with UK and US qualification. Litigation and insolvency lawyers are increasingly in demand Securitization/real estate lawyers	Corporate law (getting better) Commercial law In-house IP law IT law

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What's going on in Capital Markets? Why is there a demand for capital markets lawyers when volumes are low? Some say it is because of deregulation and the weak yen leading to good opportunities for investment. Others say they are ramping up for the anticipated volumes that will return in a few months time. Others still, say that their firms are committed to Japan and are building their practice and that now is a great time to pick up talent as salaries are down and there are many solid professionals on the market actively looking for opportunities in Japan. Or maybe it's a supply problem? There simply isn't enough talent to handle the volume.

There is another telling theory that might be of comfort to corporate M&A lawyers in the near future. With the US economy getting stronger and the Japanese yen getting weaker and the threat of a banking crisis there are many predicting that some very big foreign opportunity funds will come into the Japanese market starting in April. All these factors would contribute to an increase in the level of distressed assets available for foreign purchase. This will not likely create a huge acquisition boom but levels could increase influenced by a few large players and create a demand for lawyers as law firms ramp up to service these deals.

Finally, with the warm weather fast approaching, be sure to get to Niigata before the snow season is over. What? You ask. That's right, Okutadami in Niigata opens this weekend when the plows finally make it through the mountain passes prolonging the season until early June. If you need directions, give me a call. ☺

*James Graham is a legal recruiter with TMP Worldwide. If you have questions or comments about this article or wish to speak confidentially, or even better, have a question or a topic for the next newsletter please contact him at 3511-6486 or email [james.graham@tmp.com](mailto:james.graham@tmp.com).*

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### MEMBERSHIP CARDS & MEMBERS' DISCOUNTS!!

The RBA is proud to announce the issuing of Membership Cards to Members who have paid their annual dues. Membership Cards will be presented to Members at social events and meetings entitling Members to generous discounts at numerous bars, lounges and restaurants throughout the Tokyo area. The first Membership Cards are now available and will be presented to members at meetings and other social events. Please see the Members' Discounts page at the end of this newsletter for further information.

(Members not in attendance at meetings and social events will still receive a Membership Card and will be entitled to the accompanying Members' Discounts.)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### APRIL 2002 PARTY

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2002  
8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

### **Jazz Café London**

ISO Roppongi Bldg. B1F  
4-9-5 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo  
Tel: 03-3401-7474

(see [www.jazzcafelondon.com](http://www.jazzcafelondon.com) for map)

JPY 3,500 for everyone  
(Plenty of food and drinks will be served)

RSVP by Tuesday, April 23rd to  
[jshimamoto@whitecase.com](mailto:jshimamoto@whitecase.com)

### MAY 2002 MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2002  
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

### **Century Court**

Roi Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
5-5-1 Roppongi, Minato-ku, Tokyo 106-8522  
Tel: 03-3478-4100  
(please call for directions)

JPY 3,500 for members  
JPY 4,500 for non-members  
(Buffet dinner included, cash bar)

RSVP by Tuesday, May 28th to  
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FEATURED SPEAKER

**STEVE GIVENS**

KITAMURA & GIVENS LAW OFFICES

Temple University Law Program in Japan

# Summer 2002

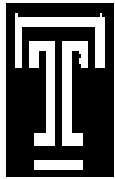
**Course Offerings for Summer 2002 (starting from 5/20/2002)**

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| 1 | Introduction to European Union Law (2 credit)          |
| 2 | US Securities Regulation (2 credit)                    |
| 3 | Comparative Intellectual Property Licensing (2 credit) |
| 4 | Legal Research and Writing (2 credit)                  |



all classes meet once a week on weekday night, 6:30pm-9:10pm

**The deadline for application is May 1, 2002**



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OPEN HOUSE      Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 7pm in Room 701

◇We would like to introduce you to the possibility of studying Law at Temple University◇

# Career Opportunities

By Tom Chung  
RBA Board Member

If you would like to place a career opportunities advertisement in future issues of the RBA Newsletter, please contact Tom Chung at fax no. 03-5561-6649 or by e-mail at [thomas.chung@cliffordchance.com](mailto:thomas.chung@cliffordchance.com).

## TOKYO LISTINGS:

### ANDERSON MORI

An International Japanese law firm with a general corporate practice, wishes to engage a native English speaking attorney having at least two years of home jurisdiction experience, preferably in the corporate/commercial area, with strong corporate transactional experience, as a FULL-TIME FOREIGN LEGAL ASSOCIATE.

Japanese speaking and reading ability is not required for this position. Please address applications to Jim Minamoto, Esq. at Anderson Mori: fax: 3214-8748; tel.: 3214-3192; [james.minamoto@andersonmori.com](mailto:james.minamoto@andersonmori.com).

### NISHIMURA & PARTNERS

#### Legal Editor

Nishimura & Partners, one of Japan's premier international law firms, seeks applicants for the position of English-language legal rewriter and editor to work full-time or part-time during an afternoon or night shift. In addition to editorial responsibilities, the editor from time to time may assist in legal due diligence, research and similar matters. The position requires the ability to convey ideas and information effectively and concisely, in clear and proper written English. A bachelor's degree is required, and preference will be given to candidates with legal education, training or experience and a desire for exposure to international law and business. While Japanese language ability is not required, some ability will be helpful. The editor will join a staff that includes over one hundred Japanese attorneys, several attorneys from the U.S., Canada and Australia, and at least three other editors. Compensation will be commensurate with background and experience (if any). Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to

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### ROBERT MITCHELL KERWIN ASSOCIATES

#### Technology Attorney - Software Company

Location: Tokyo

Northern California based \$2 billion publicly traded software company with 6000 employees, seeks a technology lawyer with 5-12 years of commercial experience to serve as Corporate Counsel to this region. Reporting directly to the General Counsel of the company, this attorney will be responsible for handling the legal function for this region. The ideal candidate will have previous in-house experience with a technology company, speak fluent Japanese, have significant software licensing expertise (inbound and outbound), and a keen sense of business. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are necessary to success in this dynamic, fast-paced environment. Compensation commensurate with experience.

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No phone calls please

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### EXECUTIVE SEARCH INTERNATIONAL INC.

##### General Affairs Manager, Patent

Our Client, a leading foreign consumer company, is now seeking a General Affairs Manager, specializing in Patent issues, for their Tokyo office. In-house counsel, on contractual basis, will also be considered. To ensure all company's strategies, plans and policies conform with the local laws, the candidate will develop/implement measures to avoid any situation which might be brought to trial, preparing correspondence such as letters to outside

counsel, maintaining ongoing patent prosecution dockets & study and verifying articles concerning safety and responsibility on labels from a legal point of view. Knowledge and experience patent-related legal issues, is required. Bilingual law school with 3+years of business experience preferred.

Interested candidates should send their CV to [Henry@esijpn.com](mailto:Henry@esijpn.com)

Henry Bantjez

Consultant

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## **MILLENNIUM INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### **Sales Executive Assistant Wanted**

Millennium Investment Corporation requires an experienced Japanese Bilingual Sales Executive Assistant to provide administrative support to a 5-member English-speaking sales team. The successful candidate will be a motivated, enthusiastic person with good PC skills and a real interest in contributing to the success of a growing business.

The role includes dealing with Multinational high net worth clients directly, and actively managing an administrative office.

Please send your CV to [mic@gol.com](mailto:mic@gol.com) or fax at 03-3568-2447.

## **TMP WORLDWIDE**

### **Tokyo & International Jobs**

#### **Corporate/Banking and Finance - 4 - 6 years' pqe** **Sydney**

Opportunities exist for suitably qualified lawyers within this top-tier law firm. Ideally you will be Australian or UK qualified with experience across corporate/M&A or banking. Derivatives and capital markets will be highly regarded. Top of the market salary + the enviable Sydney lifestyle.

**Ref. R6/00600**

#### **Structured Products - 5 year's pqe** **Sydney**

Blue chip investment bank has an opportunity for an exceptional structured products lawyer. Experience in credit derivatives is essential. The ideal candidate will be an expat Australian looking to return to Sydney. You will work closely with the business and will be paid an excellent salary + bonuses.

**Ref. R6/ 00521**

#### **Corporate Associate 1-2 pqe** **Tokyo**

US law firm seeking junior corporate associate (1st or 2nd Year) for their Tokyo office. Native/fluent Japanese skills are necessary. Securities experience helpful.

**Ref HK/CN**

#### **Telecom & IT Lawyer** **Tokyo**

Strong US global firm is looking for a US qualified lawyer already here in Tokyo with experience in the Asia Telecom market. Excellent salary and work environment.

**Ref 2696**

#### **Head of Legal & Derivatives** **Tokyo**

Well-respected boutique is looking for derivatives lawyer with a decent head for business and a willingness to participate in management. Products include all derivatives issues as well as securitization deals. A great atmosphere and sexy and cutting edge technology, a great position for someone who enjoys derivatives & securitization work. Japanese national preferred but not mandatory.

**Ref 2788**

#### **Senior Derivatives Counsel** **Sydney**

This global investment bank seeks to recruit a derivatives lawyer with experience of credit derivatives, preferably with Asian emerging markets exposure. You will work autonomously with the structured products business in structuring complex derivative transactions. Great opportunity and great rewards.

**Ref r6/00521**

#### **US Securities -3-5 years' pqe** **Singapore**

Major US Law firm with strong regional presence is expanding its US securities practice in Singapore and seeks an experienced lawyer to join a collegiate team. In addition to securities work the firm offers the opportunity to get involved in a wide range of general corporate/M&A and structured finance work. Excellent long-term career prospects

#### **Finance 2+ years' pqe** **London**

This US firm in London now has a well-established presence in the finance arena. They are looking for lawyers with 2 years' post-qualification experience upwards to join their international finance team to do structured finance of all types, and in particular securitization. Work also includes structured derivatives, securities transactions, repackaging and other finance disciplines. Good career prospects at a relaxed hard-working firm.

**Ref: 137675**

#### **In-house Pharma-Patent Attorney 2+ years experience** **New York**

Major pharmaceutical company is looking for a patent attorney with a PhD or Masters in Chemistry. If you are at a top law firm or already an in-house attorney, this is an amazing opportunity for you to join a pre-eminent global Pharmaceutical firm. You will be responsible for prosecution, application and opinion, but no licensing work. Competitive compensation. Graduate degree in Chemistry is a must.

**Ref: NYC/TC**

#### **US Patent Lawyer 3 years experience** **Tokyo**

Well respected US firm with plans for growth is seeking US qualified patent lawyers. Excellent opportunity, excellent working environment.

**Ref: 2550**

#### **Capital Markets 2-5 years' pqe** **Tokyo**

Top global US & UK law firms are seeking associates. Excellent opportunities and salaries. Please call to discuss.

**Ref 2552**

**UK/US mid level Corporate Lawyer**

Excellent opportunity with leading US firm and a chance to play an important role in a growing firm. The ideal candidate will have a solid corporate background with good securities experience. Excellent Japanese skills are highly sought after.

**Ref 2667**

**Head of Compliance Tokyo**

European Investment bank with plans for expansion is seeking a Head of Compliance with solid product experience including Credit and Equity-linked Derivatives experience.

**Ref 2500**

**Senior Compliance Officer Tokyo**

Top US investment bank with great team and solid business lines is seeking a Japanese National to play a leading role in its compliance team. Excellent career opportunities and salary, challenging work.

**Ref 2600**

**Mid-Level Lawyer In-house Private Practice Tokyo**

Excellent opportunities for Native Japanese speaker with 3 years plus experience in the financial services industry. Too many opportunities to mention here. Please call us and ask for Otsuka-san.

**Ref 2510**

**Litigation Partner New York**

Full-service law firm with over 600 attorneys in eight offices throughout the USA and several overseas is looking for a litigation partner. This is a chance to join a 15 person strong NY litigation department that has been experiencing a healthy expansion to meet their client's needs. If you have a portable book of business and want to explore a good opportunity then please contact us in confidence to learn more.

**Ref: NYC/TC**

**IP Partner Level Tokyo**

Excellent US firm, well respected globally for M&A, structured finance and restructuring work is considering a partner level hire for its expanding Tokyo office. Excellent environment and excellent compensation. Please call to discuss in confidence.

**Ref: 2794**

To inquire confidentially about any of the above positions, please contact us at 03-3511-5668

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An indicative sample of our clients current needs are set out below:

## **TOKYO**

### **Legal Vacancies**

#### **Head of Legal / Senior Legal Officer 15 Million – 30 Million, depending on experience**

A dynamic and fast-growing North American securities company with a long-term commitment to the Japanese market is seeking an experienced legal officer / lawyer for the role of Head of Legal or Senior Legal Officer. This company has a proven track record as a leading product innovator in the area of credit derivatives, interest-rate products and asset-backed securitization with an emphasis on legal and compliance as the number one priority. The ideal candidate will be well-versed in the legal issues related to cutting-edge credit derivatives products as they are promoted through the Japanese legal and regulatory environment and must also have strong asset backed securitization experience. It is necessary for the position to maintain and develop close ties with the various front office, documentation and back office personnel and liaise effectively with senior management both in Tokyo and in North America. Candidates with native Japanese and strong English skills will be preferred but full consideration will be given to exceptional candidates with limited Japanese skills. (MGA)

#### **Junior Foreign Associates (2+ PQE)**

A large US private practice with a strong and diverse Tokyo / Asian presence is seeking UK and US admitted lawyers to assist in a variety of associate level positions.

The primary vacancies are in Tax, Finance, IP, IT and Projects and the successful candidates will have gained exposure to related issues at first-tier foreign firms in Tokyo or leading Japanese international firms only. Among the current foreign associates the level of Japanese ability is extremely high and Japanese fluency or near-fluency is also required for the current vacancies. This is particularly so for the Tax, IT and IP positions. Long-term commitment to Japan is required and only candidates with exceptional academic backgrounds will be considered. (MGA)

#### **Foreign Associates (2 – 4 + PQE)**

A successful US private practice with a large and dynamic Tokyo presence seeks excellent foreign associates for a wide range of potential vacancies in accordance with their expansive Tokyo / Asian plans. The candidates being sought are those with excellent academic backgrounds and native or near fluent Japanese skills and at least 2 years with a top-tier foreign firm in Tokyo. (MGA)

#### **Capital Markets Foreign Associates (2 – 4 + PQE)**

A magic circle UK firm with a traditionally strong Asian and, particularly, Japanese presence is seeking capital markets lawyers with any of US, UK, Aus, NZ, Canadian etc. admission and at least 2 years capital markets experience to assist its Tokyo operations. Japanese or other Asian language skills are not essential but those candidates with strong Japanese skills would be preferred. A genuine and long-term commitment to both capital markets work and Tokyo is also a pre-requisite. (MGA)

#### **Commercial Foreign Associates (3 - 5 PQE)**

A top US firm is seeking US or UK admitted junior associates to assist with its commercial practice. Preferred experience is in M&A and / or IP work but other practice areas will be considered. Either native or very strong Japanese skills with an ability to translate Japanese commercial documents into English are prerequisites. This is an opportunity to join a firm with a justified reputation for strong teamwork and an enjoyable office atmosphere. Candidates with a demonstrable commitment to Tokyo will be given priority. (MGA)

#### **Transaction Management**

A number of top tier investment banks are looking for transaction managers to assist with the preparation of legal documentation relating to a variety of products. The roles often encompass working with external counsel together with client servicing & marketing work. The preference is for Japanese persons with good English language ability or bi-lingual westerners. Formal legal training or documentation experience is not always required although junior lawyers are gladly considered. (RKK)

#### **Compliance Vacancies**

### ***Head of Compliance, Securities***

A European investment bank with a long history of business in Japan is seeking a top-class senior compliance specialist as Head of Compliance for its securities company. This company has a market reputation for cutting-edge products and constantly seeks innovative employees. The successful candidate must have strong knowledge of asset-backed securitization, credit derivatives, fixed income and distressed asset products and associated issues. This vacancy represents a real opportunity for an experienced legal and compliance specialist to get involved in a rapidly developing institution and contribute to its rapid growth not just in Tokyo but in the Asia region as a whole. Preference will be given to native Japanese candidates with strong business English skills and a proven ability to effectively liaise with front office staff. **(MGA)**

### ***Asset Management Head of Compliance 15 Million +***

The Fund Management Division of one of Europe's leading investment bank's is seeking a Head of Compliance to lead its compliance division and liaise closely with management and the various business groups to develop and maintain a comprehensive understanding of compliance issues and duties throughout the company. This company has consistently displayed extremely strong commitment to legal and compliance issues and the new Head of Compliance will be operating in an environment of sincere cooperation with respect to these issues going forward. The ideal candidate must come from a strong asset / fund management compliance background and have a thorough knowledge of the Japanese regulatory environment as it relates to investment trust advisory business. Native Japanese speakers with strong business English are preferred. **(MGA)**

### ***Compliance Assistant 6 Million +***

A leading North American securities company is seeking a compliance assistant to closely assist the Head of Compliance and Head of Legal with a wide range of regulatory reporting and registration duties from within the compliance department. Strong administration skills are required and preference will be given to native Japanese speaking candidates with strong English skills. This position offers genuine promotion and bonus opportunities for dynamic candidates with strong general financial market knowledge and interest. **(MGA)**

### ***Asset Management Compliance Officer 9 Million +***

A world-class US Asset Management company is seeking a junior / mid level asset management compliance officer to provide quality assistance to the current asset management compliance team. Primarily the position

requires legal documentation skills and product development knowledge from the Investment Trust platform as the preferred skill set although candidates from a Trust & Banking background and experienced securities compliance officers with strong regulatory skills may also be considered. Native Japanese skills with strong business English is required. **(MGA)**

## **HONG KONG**

### ***Commercial Litigator***

Our client is a well respected boutique law firm with an enviable Asia Pacific client base, and as part of ongoing development is seeking a 6 years plus commercial litigator for their Hong Kong office. The successful candidate should be a commonwealth qualified lawyer who has developed extensive 'hands on' experience in relation to corporate contracts and subsequent enforcement procedures (both contentious and non contentious) with a heavy cross border emphasis in a leading UK/US firm. This represents an ideal opportunity for a dynamic and focused lawyer to develop exposure to a truly world-class client base and join a well-established partnership track at an advanced stage. There are no language requirements for this role. **(MJI)**

### ***Equity Compliance Manager***

As part of a continued development of the legal and compliance function our client, a leading European Investment Bank, is currently seeking professionals with at least three years experience/working knowledge of equities' compliance issues. The ideal candidate should be in an existing Investment Banking compliance position and be looking for career development, however applications will also be considered from candidates in regulatory positions looking to make the move into a compliance function. Successful candidates should have excellent team playing skills and excellent English language ability. **(MJI)**

## **PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

### ***Professional Translator***

One of the world's leading solutions providers for telecommunications, financial services and e-business security is urgently seeking a translator to join their Beijing office. The ideal candidate should have a degree in law, is fluent in spoken and written English and Chinese, have an interest in the legal field and be able to work independently. The role will involve translation of legal and financial documents, legal research and assisting the legal counsel. The successful candidate should preferably have at least two years working experience as a translator in a law firm/translation agency and be proficient in Microsoft Office Applications. There are good promotional prospects and language ability in written French will be an added advantage. **(MJI)**

### ***PRC Lawyers – Shanghai (5 years + PQE)***

Due to an ever-increased workload, a leading UK law firm is currently seeking senior associates to be based in their Shanghai office. Successful candidates should have at least five years experience gained in a well recognised PRC practice (either in the PRC or Hong Kong) focusing primarily on foreign direct investment and the establishment of JV agreements. These positions represent an ideal opportunity for returning PRC lawyers to play a leading role in the growth and development of the practice and join a very established partnership track at an advanced stage. *(MJI)*

## **THAILAND**

### ***Construction Lawyer (3 years + PQE)***

A leading international law firm is currently seeking a mid-level construction lawyer (ideally commonwealth qualified) to join its award winning construction practice in Bangkok. The successful candidate should have good all-round construction experience with an emphasis on ADR, ideally gained at an international firm and have the confidence and ability to immediately service a well-established regional client base. There are no language requirements for the role. This represents an ideal opportunity for an ambitious lawyer to relocate to Bangkok on expatriate terms and join a truly friendly and developing firm.

### ***Project Finance Lawyer - Thai Nationals (2 years + PQE)***

The Bangkok office of a market leading US firm is currently seeking Thai associates to assist in the development of their award winning practice. Successful candidates should be Thai admitted lawyers with at least five years solid experience in corporate, securities, or project transactions gained in a well-respected 'local' firm, and should be able to demonstrate excellent English language skills. This is an ideal opportunity for high calibre Thai lawyers to join a well-recognised US firm and take advantage of outstanding remuneration packages. *(MJI)*

## **SINGAPORE**

### ***Banking/Finance, &/or Corporate Lawyer (5-9 years + PQE)***

Leading international law firm is seeking a UK/US qualified senior lawyer to work initially in their Singapore office and then to be permanently based in their Jakarta office. Applicants can be from a Banking/Finance or Corporate background or even a combination of both as long as they have commitment and a strong desire to succeed. There are strong partnership prospects for the right candidate and this represents a good opportunity to join a reputable and entrepreneurial firm with an open and professional culture. *(MJI)*

### ***In-House Counsel (2-3 Years PQE)***

A well known international company is looking for a dynamic and motivated 2-3 year PQE lawyer with some good regional experience to work closely with the department head on various corporate/commercial matters such as mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures. The position requires someone with a solid corporate/commercial background. IT/IP experience is not required but may be advantageous. Applicants must be Singapore or Malaysian qualified. While preference will be given to those with in-house experience, candidates from private practice are welcome to apply. The position will also involve regular travel in the Asia Pacific. *(MJI)*

### ***In House Counsel (5-7 years + PQE)***

Major International Corporation headquartered in Singapore with a globally marketed and recognisable brand name is seeking an outstanding Senior Counsel to join its team. This market leader requires a lawyer 5-7 years + PQE with strong regional experience and an excellent understanding of corporate/commercial matters to work with one other senior counsel assisting in transactions. The ideal candidate will have solid experience in trademarks and good all round IP experience. *(MJI)*

## **MALAYSIA**

### ***Intellectual Property/E-Commerce***

One of the largest and most respected firms in Malaysia is looking for 3 first class lawyers to join their established IP/IT team. They are seeking two mid level lawyers, 2-4 years PQE and one senior lawyer 4 years+ PQE with good IP and e-commerce experience. The firms IP team is becoming increasingly busy and therefore increasingly prominent in the region so this is an excellent opportunity to join a booming practice. *(MJI)*

## **KOREA**

### ***Investment Banking Counsel (4 years + PQE)***

Our client is the Investment Banking arm of a leading European Banking organisation and due to an increased workload in the region, they are currently looking for a investment banking counsel for their South Korean office. The successful candidate should be a 4 year plus qualified lawyer (commonwealth or US jurisdiction) with extensive experience in general banking and finance transactions. The role would ideally suit a lawyer from one of the large Korean firms looking to make a move into Investment Banking or a Korean lawyer looking to return home. Korean language skills are a prerequisite for the position. *(MJI)*

## **AUSTRALIA**

### **Banking And Finance (2+ years PQE) - Sydney & Melbourne**

The Melbourne office of this highly regarded national firm has a unique opportunity for a junior to mid-level lawyer to join their Banking & Finance team. The practice currently does a mix of work for borrowers (including blue chip energy & resources clients) and lenders including some of Australia's largest retail banks with a broad specialisation in a full range of financing including infrastructure and resource projects as well as capital markets issues, largely acting for the issuers. You will possess a solid academic record, excellent drafting experience, sound knowledge of standard documents and terms and project management ability. It is preferable for candidates to have prior experience in a medium to top-tier Australian firm although overseas candidates with similar backgrounds are also encouraged to apply. **(MJI)**

### **Corporate (4+ years PQE) - Sydney**

A highly regarded Sydney based firm with a unique and internationally recognised specialist practice and an enviable client base are looking to recruit a corporate/commercial lawyer with at least four years' experience for their Corporate Department. You will ideally have worked in a first-tier firm and are seeking to continue working with blue-chip clients, in a more intimate legal environment with accelerated partnership prospects. Outstanding remuneration on offer.

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### **Construction (1- 5 years PQE)**

The Property Department of this magic circle firm has a large practice covering construction and redevelopment projects both in the UK and overseas. The group acts on high value transactions including sport and leisure development and construction, hotels and retail work and major PFI/PPP projects. This role offers the opportunity to specialise in construction and major projects work with the option to become involved in a

wider range of property related transactions if that were of interest. **(MJI)**

### **Managed Funds (2 - 6 years PQE)**

Based within the Commercial Department of this pre-eminent London firm, this is a position for an assistant solicitor with experience of both institutional and retail funds and fund management. The work involves advising fund managers on the establishment, structuring and operations of investment companies, investment trusts, OEICs, authorised and unauthorised unit trusts and off-shore funds, and on all regulatory and associated matters affecting fund management including the purchase, sale and regulation of fund management businesses. This can either be a specialist position or be part of a broad corporate and finance practice.

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# ROPPONGI BAR ASSOCIATION

International Legal Network

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Welcome to the Roppongi Bar Association. Membership in the RBA entitles you to a monthly newsletter, access to the most up to date listings of career opportunities in Japan and discounted meeting attendance fees.

The annual membership fee for the RBA is **JPY 5,000** for individuals who join from January through March, JPY 4,000 for individuals who join from April through June, JPY 3,000 for individuals who join from July through September and JPY 7,000\* for individuals who join from October through December (\*includes annual fee for following year).

Members who are renewing their memberships from 2001 must pay JPY 5,000 regardless of the date joined in 2002.

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### Bank Transfer Information:

For those individuals who wish to pay their annual dues by bank transfer, please deposit to:

#### **Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi - Jimbocho Branch**

Account Type: Ordinary

Account Number: 1283202

Account Name: "Roppongi Bar Association"

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