

Lawyers in Japan

Canadian researchers working in Japan can be greatly helped by working with Japanese patent attorneys and other experts in Japan who are familiar with Japanese law and its application. A number of Japanese law firms also employ foreign nationals who are familiar with the international laws applying to licensing and joint venture arrangements.

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Two classes of lawyers practise law in Japan: those admitted to practise in Japan and appear before Japanese courts, and the *gaikokuho-jimu-bengoshi-jimusho*, or foreign legal consultants resident in Japan. The foreign legal consultants are a relatively recent phenomenon. Although they are not authorized to appear before Japanese courts or to act as Japanese attorneys, they can act on behalf of foreign nationals in connection with licensing and joint venture matters in Japan. Their familiarity with Japanese practice, combined with their Western training, can be very helpful to other Westerners working in Japan.

To find the names of foreign lawyers in Japan, or Japanese law firms that employ foreign nationals, you may want to consult the *Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory*, Volume VI, international lawyers, and *Martindale-Hubbell Prestigious Lawyers*, a one-volume work which lists U.S. and foreign lawyers by country, naming the top law firms practising in those countries, their areas of practice, clients, and the names and qualifications of the partners. Most law associations have these directories, as would any university with a law faculty.

STATUTES

The Canadian statutes relating to intellectual property are the *Patent Act*, the *Copyright Act*, the *Trade Marks Act*, the *Industrial Design Act*, the *Integrated Circuit Topography Act* and the *Plant Breeders' Rights Act*. Copies are available from any bookstore that sells federal government publications or from the address listed below.

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For legal background on protection of intellectual property in Canada, you may wish to consult the following, all by Harold G. Fox: *The Canadian Law of Copyright and Industrial Designs*, 2nd edition, Toronto: Carswell Thomson Professional Publishing, 1967; *The Canadian Law of Trade Marks and Unfair Competition*, 3rd edition, Toronto: Carswell, 1972; and *Fox's Patent Cases*, Toronto: Carswell, 1940-1971.