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Ken is the Head of Trademarks and Designs of SUGIMURA. He is a distinguished trademark and unfair competition law practitioner, representing both foreign and Japanese corporate clients in the procurement and enforcement of intellectual property rights.

His practice spans the entire spectrum of trademark protection from filing and prosecution to enforcement, arbitration and litigation. He has represented companies in a wide range of industries such as entertainment, electronics, cosmetics, pharmaceutical and apparel in the filing and prosecution of trademark applications, opposition and cancellation actions before the Japan Patent Office. He also represents clients before the Tokyo District Court, the Intellectual Property High Court, the Japan Intellectual Property Arbitration Center, and WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center for trademark matters, including domain name disputes. Ken has extensive experience assisting companies in the enforcement of their trademark rights against counterfeits through Japanese Customs and Japanese Police.

Ken earned his LL.B. from Rikkyo (St. Paul's) University and LL.M. with

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Ken has been recognized as one of the world's leading trademark professionals in Japan by World Trademark Review 1000 for ten consecutive years since 2011. He has also been listed in Chambers Global, IP Stars, WIPR Leader, and Asia IP Experts.

Ken is a board member of the Japan Trademark Association. He is also a member of anti-counterfeiting committee of INTA in addition to ABA, AIPLA, New York City Bar Association, California Lawyers Association, FICPI, APAA 、 JPAA and AIPPI.