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Tadakatsu "Tad" Sano's practice focuses on regulatory compliance and encompasses a broad range of government regulations, product safety, installment sales regulations, commercial transactions regulations, foreign direct investment regulation, energy and environment, and competition law.

After graduating from Kyoto University, Tad served in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) for 35 years.

During his tenure as Director-General of the Trade Policy Bureau and Vice Minister for International Affairs, Tad completed economic partnership agreements with Mexico and Singapore and was engaged in the Doha Round negotiations in the WTO and in the individual trade negotiations between the U.S., the EU, and China.

Tad originally joined Jones Day in 2006. In September 2009, he was appointed chief executive assistant to Prime Minister Hatoyama. In July 2010, after completing his assignment, he rejoined Jones Day.

Tad represents various clients in civil disputes. Also, he counsels and advises on U.S. and Japanese national security related control and regulations, as well as many plurilateral and bilateral trade negotiations.

Tad provides commentary to the media including the Nikkei newspapers with regard to trade and legal issues, and he speaks on these issues at international conferences. He is fluent in English, Japanese, and French.

GOVERNMENT SERVICE

2009 – 2010 Chief Executive Assistant to Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama

1969 – 2004 Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now METI)

Including:

2002 – 2004 Vice Minister for International Affairs, METI

2001 – 2002 Director General of Trade Policy Bureau, METI

1993 – 1994 Executive Assistant to Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa

LANGUAGES

Japanese

English

French