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Craig Celniker is co-chair of the firm's International Arbitration Group. Mr. Celniker practices commercial litigation and arbitration, with particular emphasis on intellectual property issues. Representing individuals and companies throughout the world in a wide range of industries, Mr. Celniker is well-versed in numerous jurisdictions, including U.S. courts and administrative agencies (TTAB, ITC), American Arbitration Association, International Chamber of Commerce, London Court of International Arbitration, Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre, Japan Commercial Arbitration Association, Iran-U.S. claims Tribunal, and others. He also assists foreign clients in litigation in Japanese courts.

Mr. Celniker has experience counseling clients whose matters fall under the jurisdiction of a variety of international laws and conventions, such as the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, Act of State Doctrine, United States Arbitration Act, New York Convention, Hague Convention, and numerous other international arbitration conventions and international discovery protocols. He also has experience conducting internal investigations and compliance reviews in Japan and other locations in the Asia Pacific region.

Mr. Celniker was chosen two years in a row as the exclusive winner in the Litigation category for Japan in the 2010 and 2011 International Law Office's "Client Choice Award" for excellence in client services (based on a survey of 2,000 in-house counsel). He is described by *The Legal 500 Asia Pacific* - which has recognized him as a Leading Individual for Intellectual Property litigation in Japan in several recent editions - as "an exceptional strategist on both the legal and business levels." From 2009 to 2011, *Chambers Asia* and *Chambers Global* selected Mr. Celniker as its highest rated foreign Dispute Resolution specialist in Tokyo, in which he is describes as "a pragmatic, practical dispute resolution professional who is focused and understands his clients' interests well." Mr. Celniker is listed as a Highly Recommended lawyer for Dispute Resolution in several recent annual editions of the *PLC Cross-border Dispute Resolution Handbook* and was featured in recent editions of Euromoney's Legal Media Group *Guide to the World's Leading Experts in Commercial Arbitration*. He is also listed as a Highly Recommended lawyer in *The World's Leading Patent Litigators 2011* by iam250.

Mr. Celniker is a Gaikokuho-Jimu-Bengoshi in Japan and a member of the Daini Tokyo Bar Association.