

# TOKYO THREE BAR ASSOCIATIONS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR AND PARTY

## U.S. Class Actions: Impact on the Japanese Legal System; --- Case Study: the Google Book Settlement---

This year the three Bar Associations located in Tokyo and their committees on international matters will again jointly hold an international seminar and party as follows. We are sending this invitation to members (*bengoshi*) and foreign special members (*gaikokuho jimu bengoshi*) of the three Bar Associations located in Tokyo, but members and foreign special members of other bar associations, legal trainees (*shiho shushusei*) corporate officers and any others outside the bars are also welcome.

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**Date:** November 19, 2009 (Thursday)

**Seminar: 4:00 to 6:50 p.m. Party: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**Place:** 2F, Bar Associations Building (Bengoshi Kaikan), Auditorium "Creo"

**Part 1:** Seminar (simultaneous interpretation provided)

U.S. Class Actions: Impact on the Japanese Legal System

Case Study: the Google Book Settlement

The U.S. court settlement of October 2008 between The Authors Guild, Inc./The Association of American Publishers and Google Inc. concerning the on-line use of books (the "Google Settlement") is said to apply to non-U.S. residents, which greatly surprised interested parties in Japan.

The Google Settlement emerges at a time of intense discussions on class actions in Japan, initially triggered by the introduction of consumer organization litigations in 2006 and expectations regarding the role and activities of the new Consumer Agency established in September 2009.

By way of a case study, this Seminar will review the practical and theoretical issues that may arise if the effects of U.S. class actions were to extend to Japan, and try to assess possible implications on debates relating to the contemplated Japanese class action systems.

Through panel discussions, with the participation of persons directly involved in the Google Settlement, we will have the opportunity to listen to an in-depth analysis of the relevant legal issues, and to the views of lawyers from other jurisdictions on U.S. class actions and the long-arm reach of U.S. courts.

**Speakers:**

William F. Patry, Google, Inc.; Senior Copyright Counsel

Professor Masato Dogauchi, Waseda Law School, Waseda University; Special Counsel for Nagashima, Ohno & Tsunematsu

Professor Yoshiyuki Tamura, Hokkaido University School of Law

**Panelists:**

Professor Masato Dogauchi

Professor Yoshiyuki Tamura

Yohichi Satoh, Google Japan Headquarters; Strategic Partner Development Manager

Dr. Uwe Henkenborg, Rechtsanwalt, Arqis/ Munich

In-dong Park, Partner, Yoon Yang Kim Shin & Yu

**Part2:** Party

We plan to have Japanese sake tasting at the party. The Sake Service Institute will provide several recommended regional brands of sake from all over Japan. Also, in addition to Japanese sake we plan to have tasting of shochu, awamori (an Okinawan liquor), plum wine, etc., for everyone to enjoy.

**Charges:** Members (*bengoshi*) and Foreign Special Members (*gaikokuho jimu bengoshi*)

**5,000 yen.**

The charges include attendance at the seminar and the party. (Please note that the same charges will apply even if you attend only the party. )

Non-Members

**3,000 yen.**

The charges include attendance at the seminar only. (If you wish to attend

the party as well, the charges will be 5,000 yen.)

**Jointly organized by:** Tokyo Bar Association and its International Committee  
Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association and its International Legal Practice  
Committee and Committee on Reform of Legal Practice  
DAINI TOKYO BAR ASSOCIATION and its International Committee

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## Application Form for the Year 2009 International Seminar (November 19th)

(Application will be accepted as from Oct. 5)

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### <For Members (*bengoshi*) and Foreign Special Members (*gaikokuho jimusho bengoshi*)>

To sign up, please check off the box and fill in the information below, and bring this form to the counter at the 9th floor of the Bar Association Building (Bengoshi Kaikan) with non-refundable the charges (5,000 yen). **(Please note: application by facsimile will not be accepted.)** We will consider applications to be made upon payment of the charges. **Due to limited space, we will close applications as soon as we reach the capacity of 150 persons.**

(Please fill in the following, which is for our organizational purpose. )

- I will attend the seminar only.
- I will attend both the seminar and the party.
- I will attend the party only.
- I need an equipment for simultaneous interpretation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( - Ki) Reg. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Bar: Tokyo, Dai-Ichi, DAINI, Other ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

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DAINI: Ms. Komatsu, Judicial Affairs Sec. 03-3581-2259

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### <For Non-Members>

To sign up, please send this application form either by facsimile or by e-mail with the box below checked off and the information below filled in. Please pay your charges at the reception desk when you arrive on the day of the seminar. **Due to limited space, we will close applications as soon as we reach the capacity of 100 persons.**

(Please fill in the following, which is for our organizational purpose.)

- I will attend the seminar only. (3,000 yen)
- I will attend both the seminar and the party. (5,000 yen)
- I need an equipment for simultaneous interpretation.

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