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Joji Kagei serves as outside general counsel to several companies that do not have in-house legal counsel, from start up through their maturity in the market. He advises clients on corporate matters at all stages in the life of a corporation, including incorporation; mergers, acquisitions and dispositions; corporate restructurings; and sales of assets. He often represents clients in the drafting, review and negotiation of contracts, and assists in the analysis, development and implementation of dispute resolution strategies when the need arises. Mr. Kagei represents both lenders and borrowers in corporate financial transactions, including secured asset-based lending, construction loans and acquisition loans.

Mr. Kagei counsels business clients in employment agreements of all types, and advises them on the strategy, creation and implementation of risk-reducing employment and personnel policies, particularly those involving hiring, termination, wages and hours, discrimination and harassment. In addition, Mr. Kagei assists clients in obtaining immigration classification visas for employees and executives, individuals and professionals, as well as permanent residency and labor certification.

An experienced commercial real estate attorney, Mr. Kagei reviews, drafts and negotiates commercial leases for office, industrial, warehouse and retail properties, and represents clients in both the acquisition and sale of commercial real property.

Mr. Kagei is a member of the Japan Business Association of Southern California, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and the Japan America Society of California. As a fluent speaker of Japanese, Mr. Kagei has previously conducted seminars at the Japan Business Association (JBA). He also conducts in-house seminars and tutorials at the request of clients, on their premises, on such topics as discrimination, harassment and other employment issues; legal strategies for Japanese companies operating in the U.S.; issues affecting expatriates living in the U.S.; and the role and duties of corporate officers and directors.

Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Kagei spent six years as both an associate and partner at the Chicago and Los Angeles offices of Mayer, Brown & Platt (now Mayer Brown), where his practice focused on corporate and financial transactions law. Mr. Kagei is admitted to practice in Illinois and California and is a member of the American, California and Los Angeles Bar Associations. He received his J.D. from IIT-Chicago-Kent College of Law in 1981 and his B.A. from Monmouth College in 1977.

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

- Representation of foreign holding company in its divestiture of office buildings and other real estate assets located in California, Utah, and Hawaii.
- Representation of United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation in the acquisition of 100% of its partner's interest in a west coast assembly operation.
- Representation of shareholders of a California corporation in connection with the sale of a San Diego area private golf and tennis club.

- Representation of United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation in the sale of golf courses located in Los Angeles and Riverside counties.
- Representation of United States subsidiary of foreign corporation in the formation of a joint venture company to provide marine terminal services at a major west coast port.