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Kenton Knop focuses his practice on matters concerning the sale of goods and related commercial litigation, data privacy laws and data breach response, intellectual property and antitrust matters. As part of his commercial practice he drafts and reviews distribution agreements, sales terms and conditions, confidentiality agreements, and license agreements. In addition, Kenton's practice includes non-profit organization law, including counseling clients on establishing non-profit organizations and obtaining 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status for such organizations. Kenton supports a number of the firm's Japanese-owned clients and his fluency in Japanese enables him to effectively communicate.

Prior to joining Masuda Funai, Kenton served as Associate Special Counsel to the three co-lead counsel for the Auto Dealership Plaintiffs in the *Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation*, in scores of antitrust cases that are an outgrowth of one of the largest international antitrust investigations in history. In 2015, he was a summer associate with Masuda Funai.

Kenton currently serves as the Director of the Chicago Chapter of The Japanese American Citizen League (JACL) and he is a member of the firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. Before law school, Kenton participated in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program as a Coordinator for International Relations for the City of Asahikawa, Hokkaido, Japan. Kenton currently holds Level One certification for the Japanese Language Proficiency Test and Level Two certification for the Test of Proficiency in Korean.

Experience

- Facilitated a software technology firm's response to a data breach incident, including the preparation of data breach notification letters for compliance with the laws of multiple



Education

University of Wisconsin Law School, J.D., cum laude, 2016: Order of the Coif; Editor in Chief - Wisconsin International Law Journal

University of Wisconsin, B.A., Japanese, 2007

Nanzan University, Study Abroad (2006-2007)

Admissions

Illinois

Wisconsin

Western District of Wisconsin

Eastern District of Michigan

Practice Areas

Commercial, Competition & Trade Litigation

Intellectual Property & Technology

Languages

Japanese

Korean

U.S. jurisdictions.

- Advised a multinational technology and materials company in its steps to achieve compliance with the California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA).
 - Facilitated Japanese-language document support in the successful defense of a Chicago-based consumer electronics company in a trademark and copyright suit brought by a major international electronics company.
 - Advised an international electronic entertainment company on U.S. laws and regulations applicable to its bringing a number of its entertainment properties to the North American market, with an emphasis on online gaming and E-Sports competition sectors.
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Memberships

- American Bar Association
- Chicago Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), Chicago Chapter - Director
- State Bar of Wisconsin