



**Baker
McKenzie.**

Date: Thursday 20 April, 2017

Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Venue: Baker & McKenzie
Ark Hills Sengokuyama Mori Tower 28F
1-9-10 Roppongi**

Cost: Free (includes light food and refreshments)

The General Counsel and CSR: Navigating your Company in the New Paradigm

An recent article on Forbes.com described the evolution of CSR as “a nice-to-have silo to a fundamental strategic priority for businesses large and small”¹. In recent years, as expectations for responsible business conduct have grown, we have seen a legislative cascade by which corporate ethics has increasingly become the domain of compulsory corporate disclosures, including around slavery in the UK, supply chain transparency in Europe and California, and human rights due diligence in France and The Netherlands.

In 2017, companies face an ever challenging matrix of social expectations and “soft obligations” becoming “hard obligations” in the CSR space, and the responsibility of navigating a company through this maze now increasingly rests on a general counsel’s shoulders.

At this JICN Event, hosted by Baker McKenzie Tokyo, join Ashleigh Owens (Executive Director, Climate Change and Sustainability Services, at Ernst & Young) and Daisuke Takahashi (Partner at Shinwa Sohgo Law Offices) as they discuss some of the recent developments and models for corporate sustainability in this increasingly important area, including:

- Current trends: The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the G7 Commitment to produce National Action Plans on business and human rights
- The “hardening” of “soft law obligations” into domestic and extra-territorial obligations
- The common thread of “knowing and showing”, or “due diligence and disclosure”
- Implementing CSR considerations in practice
- How corporate counsel can play an increasing role in advancing corporate sustainability issues

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¹ 6 CSR Trends To Watch In 2017 - <https://www.forbes.com/sites/susanmcpherson/2017/01/19/6-csr-trends-to-watch-in-2017/#7faada8bb1cc>

SPEAKER PROFILES

Ashleigh Owens

Ashleigh is Executive Director at EY Japan, Climate Change & Sustainability Solutions, in which role she helps Japan's leading companies to embed sustainability into their strategy, operations and disclosures. She was previously with Herbert Smith Freehills in the Dispute Resolution team, advising on labour and international law matters. As social expectations of companies began racing far ahead of legal obligations, she headed to EY, by way of the United Nations and the UN Global Compact, to build a practice that gets companies ready for the capitalism of the future.

Daisuke Takahashi

As Japanese attorney, Daisuke has been advising companies on legal compliance issues (including anti-money laundering and anti-bribery regulations) as well as corporate sustainability issues. As Vice Chair of CSR Project Team of Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA), he contributed to drafting JFBA's Human Rights Due Diligence Guidance and Anti Bribery Guidance. Daisuke is also an Officer of CSR Committee, IBA; a Lecturer at Sophia University; and a Member of Research Committee on Business & Human Rights at IDE-JETRO.

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October 26, 2016	W&I Insurance (Allen & Overy)
November 10, 2016	What You Should Know about EU Rules for the International Data Transfer (Jones Day)
December 15, 2016	Innovation. Expansion. Growth. Opportunities and Challenges in FinTech (Baker & McKenzie)
January 19, 2017	LGBT in the Japanese Workforce (Robert Walters)
February 9, 2017	Brexit: What next? Challenges and opportunities (Herbert Smith Freehills)
March 16, 2017	Managing risks relating to working hours and overtime
April 20, 2017	<i>The General Counsel and CSR: Navigating your Company in the New Paradigm (Baker & McKenzie, E&Y, and Shinwa Sohgo)</i>

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