

## **Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu named Japan's Who's Who Legal Firm of the Year**

Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu has been named the *Who's Who Legal Law Firm of the Year: Japan* in the 2006 Who's Who Legal Awards.

Using the nominations received from clients and private practice professionals, Who's Who Legal has identified the pre-eminent firm in 47 countries to receive the award, as announced in *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* 2006, published in March 2006.

Managing Editor Callum Campbell said: "Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu has 14 listings in 10 different practice areas and can boast more featured lawyers than any other firm in the country. As such, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu is a worthy winner of the *Who's Who Legal Law Firm of the Year* for Japan with outstanding individual talent and breadth of expertise. This is the first time we have singled out an individual firm nationally for such an honour, and Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu can truly be said to be Japan's leading firm."

Callum Campbell added: "In determining the leading law firm in a jurisdiction we take into account a range of factors including number of partners from the firm included in our publications, the number of practice areas in which the firm is featured, past performance in our research and the aggregate total of weighted votes cast in favour of lawyers at the firm relative to those of other firms in the jurisdiction."

*The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* 2006 is a compendium volume of the practice areas covered by Who's Who Legal's separate single volume publications. It is the result of ten years of independent research incorporating feedback from thousands of lawyers, and covering over 7,000 practitioners across 27 separate practice areas and over 100 countries.

According to Callum Campbell: "It is impossible to buy entry into this publication, financial considerations play no part in the selection process and only lawyers who have met independent international research criteria are listed. This book represents an accurate and impartial picture of the global private practice marketplace."

A full list of featured Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu partners and their contact details is available without charge on [www.WhosWhoLegal.com](http://www.WhosWhoLegal.com), which is updated on a daily basis. Who's Who Legal is the official research partner of the International Bar Association.

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**Notes to Editors:**

- Research is conducted through conversations with private practice lawyers of repute in the practice area in question and in related fields, as well as with general counsel.
- Subsequent telephone and face-to-face interviews are conducted internationally to permit the refining of the listing to a selection of between 100 and 400 lawyers who, by general agreement, are considered the pre-eminent lawyers in the field
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2006 acts as a reference source for purchasers of legal services seeking to corroborate the reputations of expert lawyers recommended to them by another party
- Who's Who Legal aims to reduce the short-term costs incurred in finding a lawyer, but more significantly, to minimise the transactional expense and risk of receiving poor counsel

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