

About the Author



Dr. Misawa received his LLB from Tokyo University Law School in 1960, LLM from Harvard Law School in 1964, MBA from the University of Hawaii as an East-West Center grantee in 1965 and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan (International Finance) in 1967.

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Before he joined the University of Hawaii in August 1996, he had been with Industrial Bank of Japan (IBJ), the most prestigious investment bank in Japan, (now Mizuho Financial Group, the world's largest bank), for 30 years. His career included assignments as an investment banker in New York and Tokyo, for 15 years each. During his career at IBJ, he served as the Executive Vice President, IBJ Trust Bank (NY), Deputy General Manager, Loan Department, IBJ (Tokyo) in charge of large scale companies such as Nissan, Sony, Komatsu, etc., the General Manager, International Headquarter, IBJ (Tokyo), and the President, IBJ Leasing (NY) as a member of the Board of Directors, IBJ Leasing (Tokyo). One of the financial arrangements he conducted as an investment banker at IBJ was the Nissan Motor's direct investment to

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His researches have been published in numerous academic and professional journals, including *Sloan Management Review*, *Financial Management*, *The Columbia Journal of World Business*, *Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law*, *The Banking Law Journal*, *Temple International and Comparative Law Journal*, *Columbia Journal of Asian Law*, *Journal of International Law and Business of Northwestern University School of Law*, *Penn State International Law Review (The Dickinson School of Law)*, and many cases developed at Asian Case Research Centre, The University of Hong Kong.

Dr. Misawa is consulted for a number of international institutions such as IBJ (Japan) and OSG Corporation (Japan). From 1989 to 1996, he served as the US Counselor on the Keidanren’s “Council for Better Corporate Citizenship.” From 1993 to 1996, he had served as a member of the Business School’s Visiting Committee of the University of Michigan, which was composed of global business executives. Dr. Misawa was appointed “Colonel of the State of Kentucky” in 1984 and “Arkansas Traveler” in 1985 by those states in recognition of his achievements in soliciting Japanese investments for these states.