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Michael Doherty focuses his practice on the representation of Japanese industrial, trading, and service companies and their foreign affiliates, as well as other international and U.S. companies, in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic alliances, patent, technology and intellectual property licensing, and other corporate and commercial transactions. Michael represents clients in a wide range of industries, including technology, energy, mining, metals, chemicals, electronics, media, consumer products, life sciences, telecommunications, and real estate.

### Notable Work

**Chemicals Acquisition:** Represented a U.S. subsidiary of a Japanese trading company in connection with its strategic acquisition of a U.S. sulfuric acid distributor.

**Industrials Disposition:** Represented a Japanese industrial company and Japanese trading company in the sale of their U.S. automotive parts manufacturing joint venture.

**Industrials Acquisition:** Represented a Japanese industrial company in connection with its acquisition of the global operations of a European hydraulic products manufacturer.

**CVC Investments:** Represented a Japanese trading company in regard to various U.S. corporate venture capital investments, including with regard to CFIUS considerations.

**Mining Investment:** Represented a Japanese trading company in its investment in a Peruvian mining company.

**Healthcare Services Disposition:** Represented a U.S. subsidiary of a Japanese trading company in its sale to a sovereign wealth fund of a U.S. subsidiary, a specialty finance firm that provides senior debt financing to life services and healthcare services companies.

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### Areas of Experience

Corporate  
M&A and Private Equity  
Energy and Infrastructure  
International  
Technology Transactions  
Japan

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### Education

J.D., George Washington University Law School, 1984  
B.A., Johns Hopkins University, 1981

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### Admissions

#### Bars

New York

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### Related Content

Hiroshi Sarumida Ranked by *Chambers Global* for Preeminence in Both Japan and the United States  
March 05, 2024

Akerman Launches Japan Sector Team with Arrival of Veteran Hiroshi Sarumida  
October 10, 2023

Akerman Extends Global Reach with Corporate Partner Michael Doherty  
March 14, 2023

**Construction Equipment Services Investment:** Represented a U.S. subsidiary of a Japanese trading company in its investment in a heavy equipment transportation marketplace service provider.

**Rail Joint Venture:** Represented a U.S. subsidiary of a Japanese trading company in its establishment of a joint venture involving the joint venture's acquisition of the rail car axle machinery facilities and servicing operations of its joint venture partner.

**Industrials Disposition:** Represented a U.S. subsidiary of a Japanese trading company in its sale of a U.S. subsidiary, the largest PVC electric conduit manufacturer in the United States.

**Mining Joint Venture:** Represented a U.S. subsidiary of a Japanese trading company in its joint venture with a Canadian public company with respect to the Canadian company's uranium mining assets in New Mexico.

**Oil & Gas Equipment Investment:** Represented a U.S. subsidiary of a Japanese trading company in its minority investment in a U.S. oil drilling equipment supplier.

**Conventional Energy Acquisition:** Represented a Japanese trading company and its U.S. subsidiary in connection with their acquisition of a natural gas-fired cogeneration facility in Oregon from a U.S. electric utility.

**Industrials Investments:** Represented a Japanese trading company and its U.S. subsidiary in a series of asset acquisitions for the acquisition of U.S. regional distribution businesses for automotive tires and excavation equipment, respectively.

**Chemicals Acquisition:** Represented a Japanese pharmaceutical company in the acquisition of an Italian air fragrance company.

**Healthcare Acquisition:** Represented a Japanese industrial company in its acquisition of a European molecular diagnostics company.

**Industrials Acquisition:** Represented a Japanese industrial company through its civil engineering division in connection with its acquisition of a U.S. company whose business is focused on pipe lining and sewerage rehabilitation.

## Affiliations

- Japan Society of New York, Member
- Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry of New York, Inc., Member