### **SPACE LAW**

# ~To ensure the Space Business~

#### 1. Current Status of the Space Business

The space business market has grown to about 40 trillion yen in recent years and is expected to grow to about three times that size by 2040. Recently, many space businesses in Japan have been in the news, and we understand that many of you have already started your own space business or are about to enter the space business market.

### 2. How we can help you

#### (1) Legal Support

In the space business, as in any other business, various areas of law, including the civil act, are relevant. But in the space business, in addition, space law must also be kept in mind. Specifically, international treaties (regulating the relationship between countries), private international (regulating which of the laws of the multiple countries involved apply), and recently enacted and promulgated domestic laws (public laws) such as the Space Activities Act and the Satellite Remote Sensing Act must be considered. Therefore, legal support by lawyers is indispensable for space business activities.

However, space law is still a developing and an unestablished area of law, and it is not limited to the application of national laws, making it a very difficult field with various legal issues and challenges. Some attorneys at Our Firm are active as directors of the Japan Space Law Study Group which is a group of attorneys who study space law. We are devoting ourselves to the study of space law. Our Firm also has attorneys who are highly experienced in supporting venture companies.

## (2) Support for filing and obtaining rights

In the space business, not only typical space engineering such as rocket technology, but also communication technology and other technical fields are often involved. In such cases, in order to provide

technical fields are often involved. In such cases, in order to provide various legal advices, it is necessary not only to have legal knowledge but also to understand the various technologies involved in the space business as a prerequisite for such advice. We are a group of lawyers specializing in intellectual property law, including patent law. We have not only patent attorneys specializing in various technical fields, but also attorneys who specialize in aerospace engineering, and our technically skilled attorneys as law and patent attorneys work together daily to provide a variety of support based on our understanding of technology, including patent applications for in-house technologies.

(3) Therefore, we are proud to be able to provide total support for various needs related to the space business, including domestic and international patent applications, trademark applications, various contracts, laws and regulations, and enforcement of patent rights and other rights. If you have any questions about the space business field, please contact one of our Attorneys below.



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