

# Introduction of SHIGA INTERNATIONAL PATENT OFFICE

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# STRENGTH AND MISSION

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## Our Strength

Our strength is our technical staff who have a wide range of technical backgrounds and in-depth legal expertise. We work in teams in line with the technical fields of each case in order to provide the best solution which satisfies our clients' needs. We also take pride in our in-house developed database that allows us to operate a strict and reliable due date management system with our carefully-trained administrative staff.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to maximize the profits of our clients by putting all our efforts into supporting their IP strategies. As a frontrunner in the IP industry, we continually strive to stay on course and keep our mission objective in sight while challenging ourselves to continue embracing change and evolving.

# PATENTS

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## Services

- Prosecution
- Appeals against decisions of rejection
- Post-grant oppositions
- Trials for invalidation
- Legal opinions
- Enforcements
- Searches

## Features

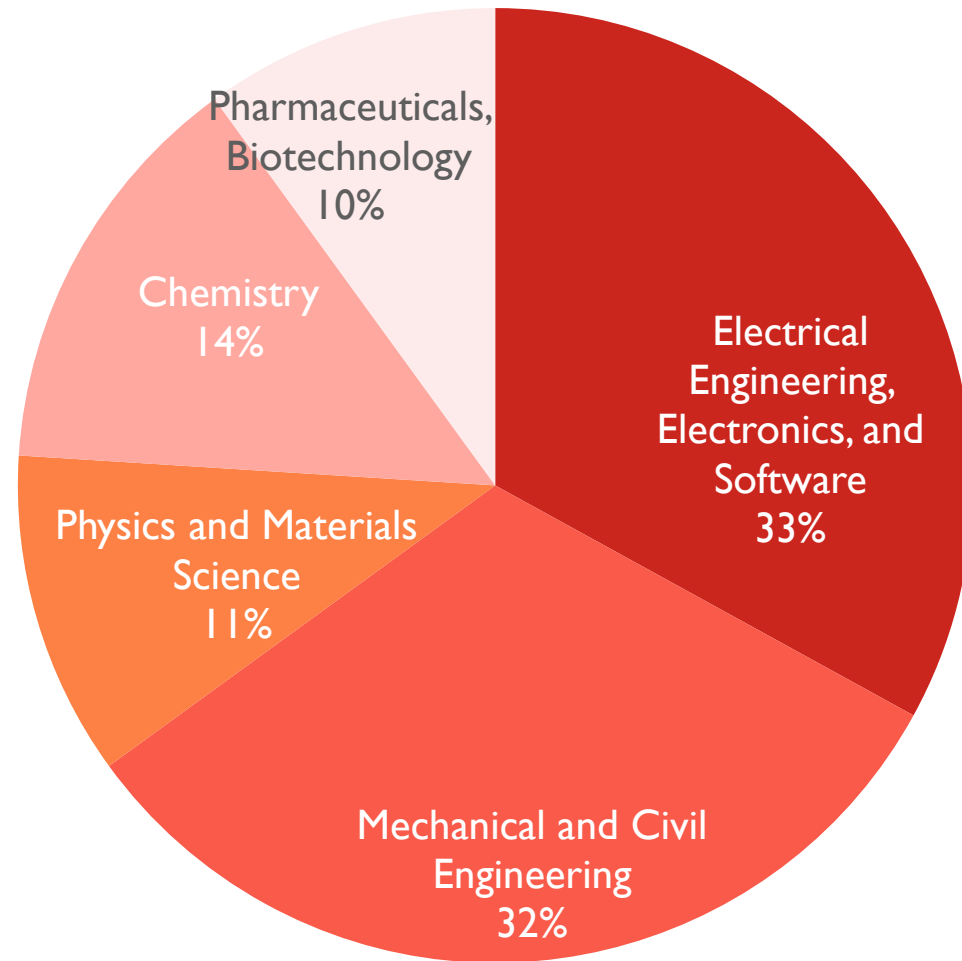
- Prompt and accurate translation of documents including patent specifications and Office Actions
- Comprehensive analyses and proposals for responding to Office Actions with a goal to obtaining the broadest and strongest rights
- Exerting the utmost effort to avoid problems which might be caused by differences in language, legal systems, and formal requirements

# PATENTS

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## Our Patent Team

Capable of Handling Cases  
in All Technical Fields



# DESIGNS

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## Services

- Prosecution, including filing national applications and handling office actions issued against international applications
- Design searches
- Trials for invalidation
- Opinions on infringement regarding design rights and unfair competition
- Customs seizures
- Enforcement (cease and desist letters, take-down notices, litigation, etc.)
- Licensing
- Records of assignment or name and address change
- Other consultation services

# TRADEMARKS

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## Services

- Prosecution, including filing national applications and handling office actions issued against international applications
- Trademark searches
- Post-grant oppositions and trials for invalidation
- Cancellation trials
- Opinions on infringement regarding trademark rights and unfair competition
- Use investigations
- Negotiations
- Customs seizures
- Enforcement (cease and desist letters, take-down notices, litigation, etc.)
- Licensing
- Recordals of assignment or name and address change
- Defensive mark applications
- Domain issues
- Other consultation services



# IP LEGAL SERVICES

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## Services

- Infringement suits
- Suits against appeal/Trial decision
- Post-grant oppositions
- Trials for invalidation
- Expert opinions
- Copyrights
- Unfair competition
- Customs seizures
- Collection of evidence
- Preparation of proof of inventions publicly known or in prior use

## Features

- Advice from Former JPO Appeal Examiners and Examiners
- Legal Advice from Attorneys-at-Law
- Patent Attorneys Qualified to Represent Parties in Court in IP Litigation
- Preventative Measures to Avoid Litigation

# PATENT SEARCHES

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## Services

- Prior art searches
- Freedom-to-Operate (FTO) searches
- Invalidity/Validity searches
- Technology trend analysis
- Patent monitoring
- Patent landscape (Landscape Design™)

## Features

- Capability to Handle Cases in All Technical Fields
- Seamless Services
- Our Agile “Landscape Design” Creates Your IP Portfolio at a Maximum Level
- Prolific Outcome of Searches

# CUSTOMS

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## Services

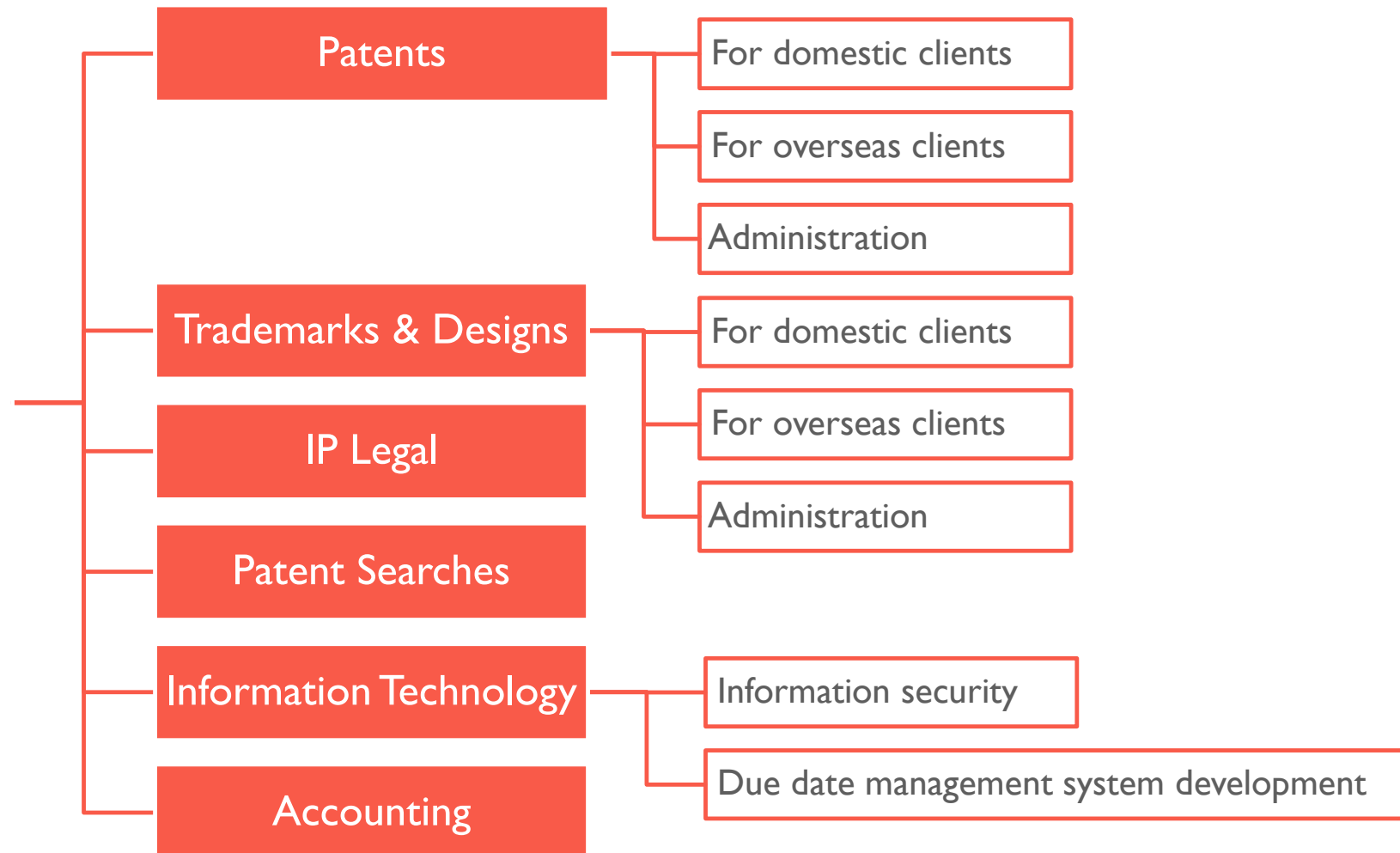
- Filing requests for recording IP rights at Japan Customs
- Renewal of customs recordals
- Addressing imports or exports of infringing products
- Liaising with customs offices to address smuggling of infringing products
- Training customs officers in workshops

## Features

- Rich experience and deep knowledge of the customs practice based on a large number of seizure cases.
- Our clients look to us frequently to assist in recording any kind of IP rights at Japanese Customs.
- We are known for our ability to address arguments from importers and have deep knowledge on preventing goods from being released.
- Customs Training to Distinguish Counterfeits from Genuine Products

# ORGANIZATION

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# IP UPDATES

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## Webinars

- Various IP topics and technical fields
- Presented by our experienced patent attorneys
- Conducted twice monthly
- Conducted via Zoom
- Cost is free to attend
- Tailor-made webinars also available

## Articles

- Updates on legal revisions, developments in practice, noteworthy court decisions, etc.
- Posted on our website and distributed by e-mail
- Cost is free to receive
- In-depth analysis by our patent attorneys

Please visit our [website](#) to check the latest webinars and articles.

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