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増田・舟井が、客員外国弁護士として近石弘太郎弁護士を迎えました。

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Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell, Ltd. welcomes Kotaro Chikaishi as a Visiting Foreign Attorney in its Chicago office. Kotaro comes to Masuda Funai from the law firm of Nagashima Ohna & Tsunematsu in Tokyo, Japan. He brings deep expertise in corporate law, with a strong focus on acquisitions, international deals, and support for emerging companies.

Proficient in both Japanese and English, he excels in merger and acquisition strategies, trade regulations, and global business frameworks, enhancing his broad legal capabilities. After earning his LL.M. in Business Law at UCLA School of Law, he joined the firm's Japanese Services Team, where he continues to support clients with their cross-border legal needs.

"We are delighted to have Kotaro working with us," said George Kobayashi, the president of Masuda Funai. "His deep understanding of both U.S. and Japanese law, and his diverse corporate practice enhances Masuda Funai's ability to counsel our many Japanese clients in the United States."

For more than 90 years, Masuda Funai has been the premier legal advisor for Japanese and foreign companies doing business in the United States.

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