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Professional Employment

2012-Present
Chief Staff Attorney, JLSC Tokyo Law Office

2010-2012
Attorney at Law, Tokyo Public Law Office, Tokyo

2006-2010
Staff Attorney, JLSC Kani Law Office, Gifu, Japan

2004-2006
Attorney at Law, Tokyo Public Law Office, Tokyo

Biography

After getting the degree in psychology, he worked as a full-time caregiver for the people with severe intellectual disability in a local government's facility for three years. Mr. Ota got certified as a lawyer in 2004 and joined Tokyo Public Law Office, which was founded by Tokyo Bar Association to enhance the public-interest activities.

He first joined JLSC in 2006, when it was launched, as a staff attorney in JLSC Kani Law Office, which was one of the offices specially established to serve the people in remote areas. In Kani, he made huge efforts to find out legal challenges of the elderly and disabled (both in physically and intellectually) who cannot spontaneously sort out their problems and helped such people overcome the legal issues by making networks with social welfare and medical agencies.

Currently, Mr. Ota is working for JLSC Tokyo Law Office as the senior most staff attorney and trying to improve the legal access for the elderly and disabled in the city area, where he endeavors to the prompt detection and resolution of legal problems of the people, whose intellectual abilities are disturbed. He is also certified as a social welfare counselor and a mental health welfare professional.