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# WOMEN LAWYERS ON BOARDS – PART 2

## Panel Discussion

Date: Wednesday, 30 November 2022

Time: 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Format: Online

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We are excited to bring you Part 2 of WILJ’s “Women Lawyers on Boards” series. After a fantastic overview from Olga V. Mack in July about how to get a board seat, we will hear from three inspiring women who are currently board members of Japanese companies. We invited **Royanne Doi**, **Naomi Koshi**, and **Catherine O’Connell** (WILJ’s President) to share about a variety of topics such as their preparation, paths, and experiences as board members. We will have a panel discussion followed by Q&A from attendees. The event will be co-moderated by Aramide Fields and Naoko Adachi, who are on the WILJ Executive Committee. Please join us!

## Panellist Bios



### Royanne K. Doi

- ❖ Corporate Governance Specialist
- ❖ Outside Director

Royanne Doi is currently an Outside Director to Gojo & company, a social impact start-up company investing in micro-finance banks in emerging markets. She is also a volunteer strategy advisor for TELL, a Japan NPO focusing on mental health for English speaking communities in Japan. Royanne held senior legal positions with major financial institutions with business experience in North and South America, Asia and Europe. During her tenure as a global ethics officer, Royanne's Fortune 100 company received Ethisphere's designation as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies for the first time in 2015, and multiple times thereafter.



### Naomi Koshi

- ❖ Partner, Miura & Partners
- ❖ CEO, OnBoard K.K.
- ❖ Outside Director

Naomi Koshi is a lawyer, an entrepreneur and former Mayor of Otsu, Shiga Prefecture, Japan. In 2012, Naomi was elected Mayor of Otsu and served a total of eight years. As the youngest female mayor, Naomi successfully expanded Otsu's childcare system. Naomi is admitted to practice law in Japan, New York and California and is now a partner at Miura & Partners. In 2021, Naomi Co-Founded OnBoard K.K., a company specializing in diversifying Japanese corporate boards. Naomi also serves as an outside director of V-Cube, Inc and SoftBank Corp. She holds multiple degrees from Hokkaido University, and an LL.M. from Harvard Law School.



### Catherine O'Connell

- ❖ Principal, Catherine O'Connell Law
- ❖ Statutory Auditor

Catherine O'Connell is Principal of her own law firm in Tokyo, providing flexible legal counsel solutions and outside General Counsel services. Since 2020, Catherine has been a Statutory Auditor on the Board at CSL Behring, a listed company on the Australian Stock Exchange. She was appointed to the Audit and Supervisory Board of Fujitsu in 2022. Breaking bamboo ceilings in Japan, this is the first appointment of a foreign female, to a Statutory Auditor position, in Japanese corporate history. Catherine was the first foreign female lawyer to launch a law firm in Tokyo. She is President of Women in Law Japan and won Foreign Lawyer of the Year Award at the Japan Law Awards 2022 and hosts the Lawyer on Air Podcast.