

“An Overview of the Comparative Law”

Michihiro Tanaka (Professor, Kwansei Gakuin University).

“Parental Authority and Child Care from a Practical Point of View”

Kyoko Yoshida (Fukuoka Family Court, Kokura Branch Judge).

“The Future of the Law of Parental Rights and Duties”

Sue Kyo (Professor, Aoyama Gakuin University).

“A Report of the Debate over the Law of Parental Rights and Duties in the Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA)”

Tamiko Nakamura (Attorney at Law, Assistant Director General).

Summarized by Naoto Ogata (Professor, Kagoshima University).

4. Law of Civil Procedure and Bankruptcy

The Japanese Organization of the Law of Civil Procedure held its 77th General Meeting at Waseda University on May 19 and 20, 2007.

Individual Reports:

- (1) “Control of the Behavior of the Advocate, Attorney in Civil Procedure”
Naohiro Yoshida (Associate Professor, Kansai University)
- (2) “Memorandum of Default Judgment Theory”
Kentetsu Kitamura (Associate Professor, Chiba University)
- (3) “About Procedural Public Policy in the Recognition and Enforcement Process of Foreign Judgments”
Yuri Komuro (Associate Professor, Kanagawa University)
- (4) “Praxis of Fact Finding in Civil Procedure”
Izumi Takizawa (Judge, Tokyo District Court)

Symposium: Disclosure and Protection of Information in Civil Litigation”

Coordinator: Toshio Uehara (Professor, Hitotsubashi University)

- (1) “Whole Situation of Problems and Disclosure in Claim and Proof Process”
Ichiro Kasuga (Professor, Keio University)

- (2) “Particular I: mainly Personal Evidence”
Makoto Tanabe (Professor, Hiroshima University)
- (3) “The Status Quo and Problems about Disclosure and Protection of Information in Intellectual Property Actions”
Eiji Katayama (Attorney, Daiichi Tokyo Bar Association)
- (4) “Particular II: mainly Documentary Evidence”
Kazuhiko Yamamoto (Professor, Hitotsubashi University)

5. Criminal Law and Procedure

The Criminal Law Society of Japan held its 85th General Meeting at Meijo University on May 26 and 27, 2007.

Individual Reports:

- (1) “Reconsidering the Justification of Self-Defense—Focusing on the Objective Requirements”
Hiroaki Myosho (Associate Professor, Matsuyama University).
- (2) “Purposes and Sentencing of Fines”
Kenji Nagata (Fulltime Lecturer, Kansai University).
- (3) “Neglect of Official Duty and Criminal Liability”
Akiko Saito (Associate Professor, Nagoya University).
- (4) “On the Theory of Hypothetic Consent—The Physician’s Duty of Disclosure and the Patient Consent”
Masaaki Muto (Professor, Toyo University).
- (5) “Searches and Seisures at Sea and Expectation of Privacy”
Hideki Narita (Professor, Kyoto-sangyo University).
- (6) “The Ground for Punishment of Criminal Participants and the Objective Responsibility for their Actions”
Kanehiko Toyota (Associate Professor, Kinki University).
- (7) “Self-defense and Provoked Assault”
Akiko Okamoto (Associate Professor, Kyoto-sangyo University).