

## **Research and Study on Standard Essential Patents and Exhaustion - Current Status and Issues of Patents Related to Networks and Services (Standard Essential Patents)**

In June 2018, Japan Patent Office published the "The Guide to Licensing Negotiations for Standard Essential Patents " (hereinafter referred to as the "Guide") to provide information to facilitate negotiations and avoid disputes regarding standard essential patents. The "Guide" has been highly evaluated by domestic and foreign companies and experts for its usefulness in licensing practice.

However, the situation surrounding standard essential patents continues to move significantly, and since the summer of 2020, court cases have been issued concerning inter-industry disputes between the telecommunications industry and the automobile industry. In light of these changes and the latest global trends, there is a need to consider the necessity of revising the "Guide".

The purpose of this study is to compile a draft revision of the "Guide" through investigate and analyze domestic and foreign court precedents and trends in government agencies, discussion and deliberation with a study group consisting of experts.

We hope that this study will help Japanese companies and others to respond appropriately to global trends in the area of standard essential patents.