

2026 WIPO Seminar on SEPs and Dispute Resolution
Session: the TIE-BREAKER – ADR in FRAND Disputes
October 13rd, 2026

SEP Judicial Mediation in Tokyo D.C.

IWAI Naoyuki
Presiding Judge, IP Division of Tokyo
District Court, Japan



SEP JM in Tokyo DC

SEP Judicial Mediation (SEPJM)

- A type of intellectual property mediation.
- Provides a forum to facilitate negotiations regarding disputes concerning SEPs and FRAND terms.
- The mediation committee (1 Judge, 2 Attorneys) facilitates the process of reaching an agreement on global FRAND royalties.
- Moderate Fee

Tokyo District Court Website

https://www.courts.go.jp/tokyo/saiban/minzi_section29_40_46_47/SEPJM_chi_zai_jiken_teiki/index_2_1.html

SEP JM in Tokyo DC

Hearing Procedure (Within 6 months)

(1) First Session

The mediation committee examines the global FRAND royalty rates proposed by both parties.

(2) Second Session

The mediation committee presents a mediation proposal or instructs both parties to submit their final proposals.

A simplified presentation session on technical issues may be held if appropriate.

(3) Third Session

Conclusion of the mediation.