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**Jay Ponazecki Elected as 54th President of the
American Chamber of Commerce in Japan**

November 28, 2013 — Jay Ponazecki was elected by the members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) to serve as the Chamber's 54th President. Ponazecki begins her tenure on January 1, 2014.

"I am truly honored to be elected President of the ACCJ. Japan has been an important market as well as a partner for our member companies ever since the Chamber was established over 65 years ago. With the ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations, the U.S.-Japan relationship is at one of its most significant points in history, from not only a bilateral perspective, but also as both countries work together to lead in the establishment of the trade architecture in the wider Asia-Pacific region. As President, I will work with the ACCJ's new Board of Governors in 2014 to lead the Chamber in its mission to further develop commerce between our two countries, and to improve the international business environment in Japan," said Ponazecki.

"I also look forward to working with the many business leaders in the Chamber on a wide-ranging agenda next year, including membership growth and enhanced member engagement, creating new information sharing and networking opportunities for members, and further leveraging the diverse experience and expertise within the Chamber to extend our already robust advocacy efforts. With 13 years of ACCJ leadership experience and 27 years of U.S.-Japan business experience, I am committed to working with both the U.S. and Japanese governments as well as other stakeholders to help bring about policy changes that will foster sustained growth in both countries," Ponazecki added.

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Jay Ponazecki is a partner at Morrison & Foerster's Tokyo Office. Ms. Ponazecki represents multinational businesses in a wide array of industry sectors in a variety of cross-border legal transactions, including – among other things – tender offers, privatizations,

mergers and acquisitions, and joint ventures and strategic alliances. Ms. Ponazecki also represents financial sector firms and asset management companies, assisting them with their portfolio investments, regulatory compliance matters, commercial arrangements and investor and operational issues. She also advises clients on the adoption of global corporate compliance, trade secret, privacy and data protection policies, as well as inbound clients on how to best launch or expand their business operations in Japan and other key strategic issues associated with doing business in Japan. Ms. Ponazecki graduated from Columbia University (Barnard College) and NYU Law School, and was an exchange student to Japan. Over the past two and half years, she has led more than 20 Hands On Tokyo volunteer groups to work in the Tohoku area in the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011.

The ACCJ membership also elected three Vice Presidents (one for the ACCJ Kansai Chapter), one Treasurer, and seven Governors (one for the ACCJ Kansai Chapter) to serve on the 2014 ACCJ Board of Governors. The elected leaders are listed below.

Elected as Tokyo Vice Presidents are:

- Jeffrey S. Bernier,* Managing Director Asia Pacific, Delta Air Lines, Inc.
- Andrew J. Conrad,* Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Aflac Japan

They join incumbent Tokyo Vice Presidents:

- Vicki Beyer, Executive Director, Legal and Compliance Division, Morgan Stanley MUFG Securities Co., Ltd.
- Michel Weenick, Senior Director, CapEx-Asia Pacific, Hilton Worldwide
- Jim Weisser, President, PBXL Inc.

Elected to serve as ACCJ Treasurer is:

- Jack E. Bird, Partner, Zeirishi Hojin PricewaterhouseCoopers

Elected to serve as Governors in Tokyo are:

- Tim Brett, Representative Director and President, Coca-Cola (Japan) Co., Ltd.
- Thomas M. Clark, Executive Counsel, Government Relations, GE International Inc.
- Rebecca K. Green, Senior Consultant, ERM Japan Ltd.
- Junichi Maruyama, Executive Officer, Head of Government

- Affairs, Citigroup Japan Holdings Corp.
- Eric W. Sedlak, Projects & Infrastructure Practice Group, Jones Day
- Hiroyoshi Watanabe, Director and Head of Public Policy, Amazon Japan K.K.

*Re-elected

The above ACCJ officers will join incumbent Tokyo Governors:

- C. Lawrence Greenwood, Jr., Senior Managing Director of Government Relations, Asia, MetLife
- Jonathan Kushner, Managing Partner and Representative Director, Kreab Gavin Anderson K.K.
- George L. Maffeo, President, Boeing Japan K.K.
- Andrew Silberman, President and Chief Enthusiast, Advanced Management Training Group
- Yoshitaka Sugihara, Government and Corporate Affairs Manager, Intel K.K.
- William J. Swinton, Director, International Business Studies, Temple University, Japan Campus

Elected to serve as Kansai Chapter leaders are:

- Vice President: Kiran S. Sethi, President, Jupiter International Corporation
- Governor: Herman J. Ehrlich, General Manager, Hilton Osaka / Director, Osaka Hilton Co., Ltd.
- Treasurer:** Carlos E. Campoy, CFO and Senior Director, Finance and Administration, Eli Lilly Japan K.K.

Incumbent Chubu Chapter leaders are:

- Vice President: Steve Burson, President, H&R Consultants K.K.
- Governor: Christopher E. Zarodkiewicz, President, Cezars International K.K.
- Regional Treasurer:** Joseph Haldane, Executive Director, IAFOR - The International Academic Forum

** Regional Treasurers (both Kansai and Chubu) are not Board of Governors position.

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About ACCJ

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) was established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American companies and has grown into one of the most influential business organizations in Japan. Consisting mainly of executives from American companies, the ACCJ has members representing over 1,000 companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the governments of the United States and Japan and other business organizations, the ACCJ promotes trade and investment flows between the United States and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the environment for international business in Japan. Over 60 committees representing various industries play a central role in making ACCJ policy recommendations by issuing Viewpoints, Public Comments and White Papers and holding over 500 events and seminars annually on public policy and economic trends. The ACCJ also undertakes charitable efforts and supports its members' CSR activities.

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