



## Jenifer Rogers Elected President of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan for 2021

**December 4, 2020** [Tokyo] – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today that Jenifer Rogers was elected to serve as the Chamber’s 59<sup>th</sup> President. Rogers, who is General Counsel Asia at Asurion, will assume her position from January 1, 2021.

“It is an honor to be elected as ACCJ President and to offer my congratulations to those joining the Board in 2021. In 2020, the ACCJ provided valuable leadership to its members on navigating the COVID-19 situation, and I want to thank the outgoing President, Peter Fitzgerald, and the Board of Governors for their contributions during an exceptional year,” said Rogers.

“I believe that 2021 will be a year of transformation and innovation, even if challenges remain for American businesses in Japan due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. Recent events have reinforced the importance of the U.S.-Japan economic partnership, as well as the need for ongoing cooperation and strengthening of commercial ties between our governments. It will be a privilege for me to lead the ACCJ during this dynamic period of global change for our diverse membership and the foreign business community in Japan, especially considering the opportunities for technological innovation and a renewed focus in Japan on achieving effective digitalization,” Rogers added.

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Jenifer Rogers is General Counsel Asia for Asurion based in Tokyo. She was elected as an External Director of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. in 2015 as the first foreign female director of a Japanese trading company. She was also elected as an External Director to the Board of Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd. in June 2018 as their first female and foreign director, and to the Board of Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. in June 2019 and serves on its Audit and Compensation Committees. Before joining Asurion in 2012, Jenifer worked at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch for 18 years in a variety of senior legal roles globally.



Jenifer has served as a Governor of the ACCJ since January 2018 and was elected to serve as a Vice President from January 2020. Since June 2016, Jenifer has served on the Georgetown University Alumni Association Board of Governors and in May 2018 was appointed by the American Ambassador of Japan to the Japan-U.S. Educational Commission (Fulbright Japan) as Treasurer. More recently in April 2019, she became a member of the Board of the U.S.-Japan Council (Japan). Jenifer is a founding member of the Asia Society Japan Center and a member of its Arts Committee.

Jenifer earned a JD from Georgetown Law Center after graduating *cum laude* from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. Jenifer was a Fulbright Scholar in 1988 at the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law. She obtained a master's degree in International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins (S.A.I.S.) and worked as a legal consultant for the World Bank. She is a member of the New York Bar and fluent in Japanese.

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The ACCJ membership also elected 5 Vice Presidents-Tokyo, 6 Governors-Tokyo, 1 Vice President-Chubu, and 1 Governor-Chubu to serve with the incumbent members on the 2021 ACCJ Board of Governors. The ACCJ Chubu Chapter's Regional Treasurer (a non-board position) was also elected.

**Elected President:**

- **Jenifer Simms Rogers**  
General Counsel Asia, Asurion Japan Holdings G.K.

**Elected Vice Presidents–Tokyo:**

- **Deborah Hayden**  
Partner, Finsbury
- **Amy Jackson\***  
PhRMA Japan Representative, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)
- **Eric Sedlak\***  
Partner, K&L Gates Gaikokuho Joint Enterprise
- **Yoshitaka Sugihara\***  
Director, Head of Public Policy, Japan, Netflix G.K.
- **Dave West**  
President and General Manager, Cisco Systems G.K.



### **Elected Governors–Tokyo:**

- **Harry Hill**  
CEO and President, Better-U, Inc.
- **Tad Johnson\***  
President & Representative Director, Pratt & Whitney Aftermarket Japan KK
- **Saori Kanno\***  
President, General Manager, REVLON K.K.
- **Mari Matthews\***  
Director, Head of Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google Japan G.K
- **Victor Osumi**  
Managing Director, Japan, Delta Air Lines, Inc.
- **William J. Swinton\***  
Director, International Business Studies, Temple University, Japan Campus

### **Elected Chubu Chapter leaders:**

- **Vice President–Chubu: Robert W. Roche**  
Executive Chairman and President, Oak Lawn Marketing, Inc.
- **Governor–Chubu: Mark Hosang**  
Sr. Manager Enterprise Services & Security, IT Division, Randstad Japan

### **Incumbent Treasurer–Tokyo:**

- **Ryann Thomas**  
Partner, PwC Tax Japan

### **Incumbent Governors–Tokyo:**

- **Andrew J. Conrad**  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer, Aflac Life Insurance Japan Ltd.  
Senior Vice President, Aflac International
- **James C. Feliciano**  
President, AbbVie
- **Douglas L. Hymas**  
Country Executive, Managing Director, The Bank of New York Mellon
- **Nancy L. Ngou**  
Associate Partner, EY Advisory and Consulting Co., Ltd.



- **Frank Randolph Packard**  
President and Representative Director, Triple A Partners Japan Co. Ltd.
- **Megumi Tsukamoto**  
Executive Director, Caterpillar Japan, LLC

#### **Incumbent Kansai Chapter leaders:**

- **Vice President–Kansai: Yoko Furuyama**  
Executive Officer, Legal and Government Relations, Procter & Gamble Japan K.K.
- **Governor–Kansai: Simone Thomsen**  
President and Representative Director, Eli Lilly Japan K.K.

#### **Non-Board leadership positions also confirmed for 2021:**

- **Regional Treasurer–Chubu: Jeffrey Jackson**  
Gyoseishoshi and Founder, Jackson Sogo Gyoseishoshi Law Office
- **Regional Treasurer–Kansai: Kay Kobayashi**  
Director of Human Resources, Hilton Osaka

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### **About ACCJ**

The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) was established in 1948 by representatives of 40 American companies. Over its 72-year history, the ACCJ has positioned itself as one of the most influential business organizations in Japan. The ACCJ has approximately 3,000 members who together represent over 600 globally minded companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the U.S. and Japanese governments, business organizations and others, the ACCJ engages in activities that advance its mission of further developing commerce between the U.S. and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan including the commitment to demonstrating responsible corporate citizenship. The ACCJ's more than 60 committees represent a variety of industries and make policy recommendations through advocacy tools such as viewpoints, public comments, and white papers. The ACCJ holds on average 500 events and seminars a year, many of which focus on government policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to promoting charitable and CSR activities.

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