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Jay Ponazecki is Re-elected to Lead the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan in 2015

December 2, 2014 – The American Chamber of Commerce in Japan (ACCJ) announced today that Jay Ponazecki was re-elected to lead the ACCJ in 2015. Ponazecki will commence her second term from January 1, 2015.

“I am deeply honored to be re-elected President of the ACCJ. I offer my congratulations to those who have been elected to serve the Chamber with me, and look forward to working with them and the incumbent members of the Board of Governors on issues that will help further the mission of the Chamber to pursue closer commercial ties between the U.S. and Japan, promote the interests of U.S. companies and our members, and improve the overall international business environment in Japan,” said Ponazecki.

“I look forward to working with the Board of Governors and other business leaders in the Chamber on a robust agenda next year focused on continuing to act on member feedback and refining our strategic vision and business plan so that the Chamber is well positioned to meet the needs of its members here and now as well as in 2020 and beyond. I am very excited to have the opportunity to continue prioritizing the expansion of our digital footprint and the shift from programs to programming as an additional channel so that members have even greater access to information and other members. In addition, by further leveraging the diverse experience and expertise within the Chamber, we will be very well poised to extend our already robust advocacy efforts in critical areas that will be mutually beneficial to U.S., Japanese and other global businesses in Japan. We will continue to advocate for the successful conclusion of a high standard Trans-Pacific Partnership and to support the U.S. and Japanese governments as well as other stakeholders to bring about positive changes that will foster further economic growth in the U.S., Japan and the Asia-Pacific Region,” Ponazecki added.

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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 three and a half years, she has helped lead 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 five Vice Presidents (one for the ACCJ Chubu Chapter) and eight Governors (one for the ACCJ Chubu Chapter) to serve with the incumbent members on the 2015 ACCJ Board of Governors. The elected leaders are listed below.

Elected as Tokyo Vice Presidents are:

- Leanne Cutts, President and Representative Director, Mondelēz Japan Limited
- Marie G. Kissel, Vice President – Japan, China, and Asia Pacific, Global Government Affairs, Abbott
- Jonathan Kushner,** Managing Partner Japan and Head of Asia, Kream Gavin Anderson
- Eric W. Sedlak,** Gaikokuho Jimu Bengoshi, Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group, Jones Day

They join incumbent Tokyo Vice President:

- Jeffrey S. Bernier, Managing Director Asia Pacific, Delta Air Lines, Inc.

Elected to serve as Governors in Tokyo are:

- James Fink, Senior Managing Director, Colliers International
- John D. Harris, President and Representative Director, Nippon Becton Dickinson
- George L. Maffeo,* President, Boeing Japan K.K.

- Arthur M. Mitchell, Senior Counselor, White & Case
- Sachin N. Shah, Director, Representative Statutory Executive Officer, Chairman, President and CEO, MetLife Insurance K.K.
- Yoshitaka Sugihara,* Government Affairs Manager, Intel K.K.
- William J. Swinton,* Director, International Business Studies, Temple University, Japan Campus

* Re-elected

** Governor in 2014; elected to be Vice President

The above ACCJ officers will join incumbent Tokyo Governors:

- 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.
- Hiroyoshi Watanabe, Director and Head of Public Policy, Amazon Japan K.K.

Elected to serve as Chubu Chapter leaders are

- Vice President: Chris Zarodkiewicz, President, Cezars International K.K.
- Governor: Britt Creamer, Director, Operations in Japan for F-2 Program, Lockheed Martin TAS International Corporation
- Regional Treasurer[†]: Jonathan P. Hobbs, Principal, Hobbs U.S. Patent Law Office

Incumbent Kansai Chapter Leaders are:

- Vice President: Kiran S. Sethi, President, Jupiter International Corporation
- Governor: Patrik Jonsson, President, Eli Lilly Japan K.K. ^{††}
- Regional Treasurer[†]: Craig McGovern, Director of Finance, Hilton Osaka

[†] Regional Treasurers (both Kansai and Chubu) are not Board of Governor positions.

^{††} Pending Approval by the ACCJ Board of Governors

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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, currently the ACCJ has members representing 1,000 companies with offices in Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka. Working closely with the governments of the United States and Japan, business organizations, and others, the ACCJ promotes activities that help achieve its mission of further developing commerce between the United States and Japan, promoting the interests of U.S. companies and members, and improving the international business environment in Japan. 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 approximately 500 events and seminars a year, many of which focus on government policy and economic trends. The ACCJ is also committed to promoting charitable events and CSR activities.

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