

Matthew T. Evans Elected to Prestigious Meritas Board of Directors

Damon Key is pleased to announce that Director Matthew T. Evans has been

elected to serve on the Board of Directors of Meritas, the premier global alliance of independent law firms. The prestigious organization is a vast, worldwide network of law firms that facilitates the legal needs of businesses operating on a local, regional, national, and international scale. Matt has been involved with Meritas for more than 10 years, during which time he has held several different roles and served in multiple capacities. He was elected to serve on the Board from the nearly 9,000 attorneys in the Meritas member network.



During his three-year term on the Board, Matt will play a key leadership role in ensuring members have the tools and programs they need to serve the cross-regional needs of their clients. He will participate in strategic planning, member recruitment and development, and the administration of Meritas' rigorous quality standards.

Meritas has a mission to provide exceptional legal services through its global network of firms with a shared commitment to efficiency, responsiveness, and unmatched dedication to client service. Membership into Meritas is by invitation only, and member firms are carefully vetted through a highly competitive and selective process, including frequent recertifications and a peer-review, quality assurance program.

Currently, Meritas is comprised of 184 law firms in 254 different markets worldwide. Damon Key is the sole law firm in Hawaii within the Meritas alliance and is one of the few whose membership spans more than 30 years.

Matt's involvement with Meritas began when he served as the firm's designated Young Lawyer Liaison and then later as a member of the Meritas Young Lawyer Advisory Board. Today, in addition to serving on the Meritas Board of Directors, Matt is one of the firm's Member Contacts and serves on the network's Real Estate Group Steering Committee, the Finance Committee, and is an active participant in the Meritas Global Firm Management Forum.

"We're proud that Matt's exemplary legal expertise and leadership skills have resulted in his election to the Meritas Board of Directors," said Damon Key President Christine Kubota. "As a founding member of Meritas, we understand the importance of this premier legal network organization and how it benefits our clients who do business beyond Hawaii's shores. Having Matt in this role underscores the strength of our firm's relationship with Meritas."

When Damon Key clients require legal expertise outside of Hawaii, our attorneys are able to meet their needs through close connections with Meritas affiliates that have already undergone evaluation. In other words, our firm can reach out to trusted, prequalified law firms around the world to help deliver legal solutions on a national and international scale.

Matt is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law (J.D.), and practices in the firm's Business and Commercial Law, Real Estate, Construction Law, Creditor's Rights, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, and Appeals practice groups.

He has also been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2024 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*[®] for his work in Construction Law, Litigation-Construction, Litigation-Insurance, Litigation-Real Estate and Real Estate Law. He is recognized by Super Lawyers in the practice of Business Litigation.

"I'm honored to have been elected to serve on the Meritas Board of Directors," said Matt. "Damon Key's membership with Meritas has long been an integral and vital part of how we operate and serve our clients every day, and our continuing affiliation with the Meritas network is a significant benefit to our clients. As a new Board member, I am committed to actively participating and contributing toward Meritas' mission and supporting the goals and interests of all of the network's member firms around the world."