



# Partner Issaku Yamaashi Joins Lathrop GPM in Kansas City

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KANSAS CITY (January 26, 2024) - Lathrop GPM is pleased to welcome partner Issaku Yamaashi to the Business Transactions Practice Group in the firm's Kansas City office. His move to the firm comes on the heels of strong growth for the practice group in 2023, including the November addition of associate Kristen Koerber in Kansas City.

Drawing on over two decades of experience, Yamaashi focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions (M&A), securities transactions, financing, business entity ownership issues, commercial real estate transactions, software licensing and general business matters. He has represented clients in multimillion-dollar M&A and securities transactions across numerous sectors and service industries, including healthcare, real estate, manufacturing, transportation and more.

"We are thrilled to welcome Issaku to our growing team," said Mark Williamson, chair of Lathrop GPM's Business Transactions Practice Group. "He will play a key role in fostering tight collaboration between the Real Estate & Development and Business Transaction groups and we look forward to seeing him further enhance our business development efforts in Kansas City. He will be a meaningful asset to our clients throughout the region, and beyond."

"With one of the leading business transactions, healthcare and nonprofit organization practices in the country, Lathrop GPM offers the national reputation, resources and deep bench crucial to expand my current client base. I look forward to working alongside such a talented group of dedicated lawyers and paralegals," Yamaashi added.

Yamaashi has been recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* for his achievements in M&A law and *Chambers USA* as a leading lawyer in Corporate/M&A. He holds a J.D. from the University of Kansas School of Law and a B.A. from the University of Chicago.