

Announcing the Inaugural Lecture

Professor Diane Desierto

The Michael J. Marks Distinguished Professor In Business Law
at the William S. Richardson School of Law



Diane Desierto To Give Inaugural Lecture as Michael J. Marks Distinguished Professor of Business Law

The William S. Richardson School of Law is pleased to announce that Prof. Diane Desierto has been named the new Michael J. Marks Distinguished Professor in Business Law. Her inaugural lecture is entitled: "Global Public Policy in Cross-Border Private Transactions: Regulating Mergers & Acquisitions as Investment in the Trans-Pacific Partnership." It is free and open to the public and will take place:

*Tuesday, January 26, 2016, 5-6 p.m.
Classroom 3, William S. Richardson School of Law, 2515 Dole Street
A reception will follow in the Law School Courtyard from 6-7 p.m.*

About the Professorship:

Thanks to the generosity of the Michael J. Marks Foundation; the Cades Foundation; Alexander & Baldwin Inc.; Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom; and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Stoller, the professorship was established at the UH Law School to honor the late Michael Marks as well as to support a professorship to help prepare law students for excellence in service to the community. Marks passed away on October 5, 2010 in Cherry Hills Village, Colorado, after retiring in 2003 as vice president and general counsel of A&B. At the time of his retirement, he was the longest serving general counsel among Hawai'i's publicly traded corporations, and a man of both renowned humor and unusual dedication to service in his community.

About Diane Desierto:

Prof. Desierto has a remarkable record as an international attorney with expertise in international human rights and humanitarian law as well as in business law, especially within but not limited to the ASEAN countries. She has lectured internationally, won numerous international prizes and awards, and has served on a wide number of advisory boards, including: the Asian Development Bank Office of the Chief Economist; the European Union External Action Service; the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); and the Singapore Judicial Academy.. Her research and teaching areas of expertise include international economic law, international investment and commercial arbitration law, and international dispute settlement.

About the Lecture:

The increased volume of U.S.-Asia Pacific trade under the Obama Administration has fueled a surge in the use of mergers and acquisitions as the new dominant vehicle for foreign investment through public-private partnership agreements in emerging markets. This has become even more important with the recent passage of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement. This lecture will look at the ways M&A regulators are not only bound to ensure domestic compliance, but also are burdened to expand regulatory oversight to both internalize and implement the host state's obligations in international economic treaties. Prof. Desierto will examine three critical areas for expanded regulatory oversight for M&As in public-private partnerships, increasingly the preferred foreign investment vehicles for emerging markets.