

BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION: Peter Loh

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Do you think it's important for our DFW workforce – and future workforce – to have a global perspective?

Yes. The world is a smaller place due to the internet and reduced trade barriers. In order to be a “global city,” DFW needs to embrace and cater to that reality.

Sometimes we see listings of the planet’s “global cities” and Dallas is not among them. What kind of things need to happen in DFW for it to achieve its highest global potential?

I disagree with any omission of Dallas from such lists. In order for Dallas to obtain the recognition it deserves, its infrastructure (mass transit, etc.) and education system (not at the university level which are excellent but at the grade school and high school level) need to continue to improve.

What has the World Affairs Council meant to you / your business?

I have been able to interact with a wide variety of leaders in business and the community. The World Affairs Council has enhanced and broadened my perspectives on a variety of issues of local, regional, national, and international importance.

How did you become involved with the World Affairs Council?

I started attending World Affairs Council events about 15 years ago. I learned about the Council through word of mouth, I believe.

What’s been your favorite Council event so far?

Really too many to name. The quality of the events (bestselling authors and journalists, policy makers, etc.) have kept me engaged and interested.

What do you think “international” means to the DFW economy?

It means the DFW has established itself as a world-class city. It is a hub for international commerce and industry.

Is there a global issue or event that keeps you up at night?

The United States’ debt levels which hamper our ability to be a world economic and military leader combined with an increasingly aggressive and assertive China.

What kind of projects are you pursuing in your business?

My law firm, Foley & Lardner LLP, is positioning itself to be a leading provider of legal services in the manufacturing, technology, health care, and energy sectors.

What is your favorite country to (a) travel in, and (b) do business in?

I enjoy travelling in the Far East the most because of its dynamism and distinctions from the west. I still think the United States is the best place in the world to conduct business.