



## **The MDRT Foundation Names Monrovia Advisor Stephen Kagawa Advisor to its Board of Trustees**

**PARK RIDGE, IL. (Sept. 1, 2024)** — Stephen Kagawa, FSS, LUTCF, of Monrovia, California, has been named a Trustee to the MDRT Foundation Board, with his three-year term beginning September 1, 2024. The MDRT Foundation is the charitable arm of MDRT, the leading international association for financial services professionals. Kagawa is a 31-year member of MDRT with 25 Court of the Table qualifications and 23 Top of the Table qualifications.



“Stephen is a wonderful, warm-hearted individual who is a real asset to our philanthropic endeavors,” said MDRT Foundation President Alessandro Forte, FCII, CFP. “He is a longstanding and dedicated supporter who has reached significant levels of charitable giving. His passion to serve others is admirable.”

As a Trustee of the MDRT Foundation Board, Kagawa is responsible for supporting organizational growth of the Foundation while providing oversight for the programs supporting people in need. The Foundation’s global grant programs provide an opportunity for MDRT members to obtain funding for charitable organizations in their communities. Grants fund a variety of programs, including those that serve at-risk youth, homeless individuals, people with disabilities, and the elderly. In 2023, the Foundation awarded more than USD 1.8 million in grants to charities throughout the world.

“Participating in the Foundation helps me serve the communities I am unable to as an advisor,” said Kagawa. “Advisors often face public skepticism and mistrust due to inadequate training, negative client experiences, and bad actors who have tarnished the profession’s reputation. The fundraising campaigns and service projects are effective ways for advisors to reshape this narrative and amplify the positive impact they support both individually and collectively as a profession.”

Kagawa is an Excalibur Knight of the Foundation – Knights are the organization’s most loyal supporters, as their donations support a variety of charitable causes

worldwide. Excalibur Knight donors have given a minimum of USD 50,000 in cumulative contributions. In addition, he is a Patron of the Inner Circle Society, a recognition awarded to donors who have supported the Foundation with annual gifts.

### **About the MDRT Foundation**

The MDRT Foundation was created in 1959 to provide MDRT members with a means to give back to their communities. Since its inception, the MDRT Foundation has donated more than USD 42 million to charitable organizations serving people in 70 countries and all 50 U.S. states. The majority of these funds were raised by MDRT members and financial services industry partners. The mission of the MDRT Foundation is to give to charitable organizations worldwide, demonstrating the generosity, service and impact of MDRT members. For more information, please visit <http://www.mdrtfoundation.org/>.

### **About MDRT**

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