

# **Buchalter Elevates Masahisa Mitsunaga and Mercedes Martin to Shareholder**

Buchalter announced the promotion of Masahisa “Masa” Mitsunaga and Mercedes O. Martin to shareholders.

Based in the Firm’s Los Angeles office, Masa Mitsunaga is a member of the firm’s Corporate Practice Group and Chair of the Japan Practice Group. Mitsunaga has participated in media-related mergers and acquisitions and debt and equity finance transactions, and advised clients on the development of intellectual property. He has deep knowledge of the business practices in the Hollywood and Media Entertainment industries. Mitsunaga also supports a variety of Japanese companies in conducting or expanding business in the U.S. by advising them on potential legal matters.

Mitsunaga earned his LL.M. at USC Gould School of Law and his LL.B. from Keio University in Tokyo, Japan.

Mercedes O. Martin is a member of the Real Estate and Real Estate Finance Practice Groups in Los Angeles. She specializes in real estate transactions, with an emphasis on secured lending and tax credit finance. Ms. Martin is also a member of both the American Bar and the Philippine American Bar Associations.

Martin earned her J.D. at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law where she was a member of the Cardozo Journal of Law and Gender and her B.A., cum laude, from the University of Southern California.