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Dr. Kenneth Moritsugu is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of First Samurai Consulting, LLC, a consulting firm in the Washington, DC, region focusing on health.

He was formerly vice president of Global Strategic Affairs for LifeScan Inc., a Johnson & Johnson company, and the WorldWide Chairman of the Johnson & Johnson Diabetes Institute.

Prior to his current positions, Dr. Moritsugu was the Deputy Surgeon General of the United States from 1998 until 2007. He also served as acting Surgeon General of the United States in 2002 and from July 2006 until his retirement from the commissioned corps of the United States Public Health Service in September 2007.

As Surgeon General, Dr. Moritsugu was the operational commander for nearly 6,000 commissioned corps health personnel of the U.S. Public Health Service.

He received his Bachelor of Arts in classical languages from the University of Hawaii in 1967 and his medical degree from George Washington University in 1971. Additionally, Dr. Moritsugu holds a Master of Public Health in health administration and planning from the University of California-Berkeley (1975).

Dr. Moritsugu is a fellow of the American College of Preventive Medicine, the Royal Society for Public Health, the Royal Society of Medicine, and the National Academy of Public Administration. He also held membership on the Board of Directors of the United Network for Organ Sharing and the American Association of Diabetes Educators; was secretary/treasurer and board member of the Washington Regional Transplant Community; and is Emeritus Trustee of the Physician Assistant Foundation.

Dr. Moritsugu has received numerous honors and awards, including: the Surgeon General's Medallion with two gold stars; the Surgeon General's Exemplary Service Medal with two gold stars; the Distinguished Service Medal with two gold stars; the Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star; the Outstanding Service and the Commendation Medals of the U.S. Public Health Service. He is also the recipient of the Distinguished Service and the Meritorious Service Medals of the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the Distinguished Service Medal of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences; the Army Achievement Medal; and the Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal. He is the recipient of twelve honorary degrees from institutions of higher learning.