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### **Collateral Risk Network 2024 Valuation Visionary Award and Recognition Press Release**

The Collateral Risk Network (CRN) announced today that Chris Knight, Chief Executive Officer of Opteon Global, has been chosen as the CRN 2024 Valuation Visionary. The CRN is honored to recognize Mr. Knight as the 15<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Valuation Visionary Award. Each year, the CRN presents this award in recognition of the person who demonstrates leadership, innovation, professionalism, and who strives to better the industry for their peers. The CRN will be presenting Mr. Knight with the award at Valuation Expo 2024 during the CRN event.

Chris Knight has significantly expanded Opteon throughout Australia, New Zealand and the United States. As a former appraiser, Chris is focused on driving turn times down while maintaining an appraiser's presence in the property. Mr. Knight asks the hard questions like how do we maintain public trust if we are not a core piece of the process? He believes technology and modernization play an important role in the future of the industry, but they should serve as tools, not replacements. Chris has long had a vision of how technology, data, and process optimization can improve the appraisal process, and as he collaborates openly across the industry, he is showing true leadership as his vision becomes a reality. Chris serves with distinction on the CRN Board of Directors.

Joan Trice, Founder and President of the CRN states, "Chris is saying what others are afraid to say and has a priority for keeping appraisers relevant; he believes technology simply can't compete with human knowledge and analytics skills."

## ABOUT

The Collateral Risk Network was founded in 2003 by Joan Trice, and established as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) as of January 2020. The CRN's mission is to advance the use of sound collateral risk management principles, policies and practices within the housing finance industry. The CRN promotes a broad multi-stakeholder approach to risk management that focuses on valuation, collateral risk, and compliance.