





CONGRATULATIONS

to all the

# 2017 WINNERS!

**April 5, 2017:** Winners of the world's most prestigious Turnaround Atlas Awards, were honored at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala and Ceremony celebrations held at the Metropolitan Club of New York on April 4, 2017. The independently governed industry awards, recognized excellence in fifty categories of "Turnaround & Restructuring Transactions", fifteen "Outstanding Firms", six "Restructuring Professionals", and two "Leadership Achievement Awardees" unique classifications.

"The award validates excellence, tireless work of professionals and firms from the industry. Winners should take pride for effectuating successful restructurings, proving their creativity, expertise and differentiated talents." said, Shanta Kumari, CEO and Global Group Editor at Global M&A Network.

**Tim Coleman**, Partner, Head of Restructuring and Special Situations Group at PJT Partners received the "Leadership Achievement", highest industry accolade, along with **Jim Loughlin**, Principal and Managing Director at Loughlin Management Partners. "Tim and Jim are among top influencers and pioneers in the industry, with distinguished record of revitalizing companies, vision to shape their organization, as well as, the matchless combination of personal humility, skills and support for the community."

**Jim Latimer** from Blackhill Partners, **Nishant Machado** of Mackinac Partners and **Dawn Ragan** of Bridgepoint Consulting won the "Turnaround Consultant" professional awards in the Global, Middle Market, and Boutique classifications.

**David Ying** of Evercore received the "Global Restructuring Investment Banker" top performing professional accolade, **Dennis Dunne** of Milbank received the "Global Restructuring Lawyer", and **David Bennett**, recipient of "Restructuring Lawyer" accolades. "Winners of the highly competitive top performing professional awards are among the most sought-after advisors, and have closed numerous value-creating transactions through-out their careers as well as award winning deals the past year."

Investors in the Outstanding Firm category include – GSO Capital, for "Global Distressed Debt Investor, Catalyst Group for the "Global Turnaround Private Equity Firm" and Staple Street Capital in the category of "USA Turnaround Private Equity Firm" award winners this year.

As before, the evening also celebrated the achievements of Outstanding Firm of the Year award winners in 12 distinct categories of Turnaround Consulting Firm, Restructuring Investment Bank and Law firms, Valuations and Bankruptcy Administrator.

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PRESTIGE: Winning the award equates to achieving the "Gold Standard of Performance" seal of endorsement and preeminent status as the winners are selected independently for executing best-value creating transactions, expertise, track record and team leadership.

**Host:** Global M&A Network is a diversified media, producer of the world class awards and forum connecting company. The company produces the "Gold Standard of Performance" independent M&A ATLAS and the Turnaround Atlas Awards worldwide – from New York, Chicago, San Paolo, Hong Kong, Mumbai/New Delhi, to London.



2017 LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT

**AWARDEES** of the Year



# TIMOTHY R. COLEMAN

Partner, Head of the Restructuring and Special Situations Group PJT Partners

Tim has advised on a variety of restructuring assignments for companies, municipalities, creditor groups, fund managers as well as acquirers of distressed assets. Art Newman, founder of the restructuring practice at The Blackstone Group recruited Mr. Coleman; and he spent twenty-three years at Blackstone prior to the advisory group's spin-off.

Mr. Coleman has played a central role advising on numerous successful restructurings including Ford Motor Company, Credit-Based Asset Servicing and Securitization LLC ("C-BASS"), Delta Air Lines, AT&T, Genco, Greece, Kaupthing (Iceland), Los Angeles Dodgers, among others, to award winning transactions this year including Energy XXI and Halcon Resources.

Significantly, commitment to clients, colleagues and peers, as well as contributions made in and outside the restructuring industry, makes Tim a visionary, respected advisor and a valued friend.

We congratulate Tim, his family, friends as well as PJT firm-wide team.



# **JAMES J. LOUGHLIN, Jr.** Principal, Managing Director Loughlin Management Partners

A nationally recognized restructuring professional, Jim has over 30 years of financial and operational restructuring experience, advising distressed companies, lenders and other creditors.

Jim has been instrumental in effectuating many successful turnarounds, having advised on over 150 assignments, and restructuring more than \$75 billion of debt, across variety of industries including several large and complex cases. He has served as Chief Restructuring Officer for several corporations including Werner Ladder, Greatwide Logistics, Thompson Publishing, Ecko Unlimited and award-winning restructuring of cellular phone company Independent Wireless One.

Notably, Jim is praised by clients' for his creativity and commitment, and esteemed by peers and colleagues.

We congratulate Jim, his family, friends as well as LM+Co firm-wide team.

#### about:

Leadership Achievement Award: Highest honor bestowed on a senior-level executive in admiration of their long-standing successes, record of revitalizing companies, vision to shape their organization, benchmark exemplary professionalism, contributions to advance the restructuring practices, as well as humility to listen and support communities. Widely acknowledged as the most coveted industry award, the accolade also validates the firm-wide team.



**2017 PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEES** of the Year

GLOBAL TURNAROUND CONSULTANT of the YEAR Winner: JAMES R. LATIMER Managing Director, Blackhill Partners

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANKER *of the* YEAR *Winner:* **DAVID Y. YING** Senior Managing Director, Evercore Group

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING LAWYER of the YEAR *Winner:* **DENNIS DUNNE** Partner, Leader Financial Restructuring Group, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy, LLP

TURNAROUND CONSULTANT *of the* YEAR | MIDDLE MARKET *Winner:* **NISHANT MACHADO** Senior Managing Director, Mackinac Partners

RESTRUCTURING LAWYER *of the* YEAR | MIDDLE MARKET *Winner:* **DAVID M. BENNETT** Partner, Head of Bankruptcy and Restructuring Group, Thompson & Knight, LLP

TURNAROUND CONSULTANT *of the* YEAR | BOUTIQUE *Winner:* **DAWN RAGAN** Managing Director, Turnaround & Restructuring, Bridgepoint Consulting

about:

Professional Awards: Presented to a top performing professional from the consulting, investment banking and legal community in recognition of their expertise, track-record, and significantly, for advising on a value-generating transaction, award winning restructuring completed the past year.



OUTSTANDING RESTRUCTURING & TURNAROUND FIRM of the YEAR, winners

GLOBAL TURNAROUND PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM of the YEAR WINNER: The Catalyst Group

GLOBAL DISTRESSED DEBT INVESTOR *of the* YEAR WINNER: **GSO Capital Partners** 

RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR | GLOBAL WINNER: **PJT Partners**  U.S.A TURNAROUND PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM *of the* YEAR WINNER: **Staple Street Capital** 

TURNAROUND CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR | GLOBAL WINNER: **FTI Consulting** 

RESTRUCTURING LAW FIRM of the YEAR | GLOBAL WINNER: Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP

RESTRUCTURING LAW FIRM of the YEAR | CREDITORS ADVISOR WINNER: Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy, LLP

RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR | MIDDLE MARKETS (US) WINNER: SSG Capital Advisors

RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR | MIDDLE MARKETS (US) WINNER: **DLA Piper, LLP** 

RESTRUCTURING INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR | BOUTIQUE (US) WINNER: Capstone Partners

VALUATIONS FIRM of the YEAR | DISTRESSED ASSETS (US) WINNER: Loughlin Management Partners TURNAROUND CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR | CREDITORS ADVISOR WINNER: Berkeley Research Group

TURNAROUND CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR | MIDDLE MARKETS (US) WINNER: Conway Mackenzie

TURNAROUND CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR | BOUTIQUE WINNER: Novo Advisors

#### BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FIRM of the YEAR WINNER: Garden City Group

Note: Outstanding Firm award winner selection is rigorous and based on wide range of evaluative criteria, including advising on value-creating transactions completed the past year, expertise, track-record, and team leadership.

*League table rankings – volume or values are excluded from the selection process.* 



#### **TURNAROUND** Awards Winners

Standard: The best value-creating restructuring, the company must survive in part or per core operations post restructuring in this category. Sales and liquidations are excluded for this category.

**TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | SMALL MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value 5 million to 50 million USD. WINNER: Wildfish restructuring.

Prized Winner Trophy presented: Capstone Partners financial advisor.

**TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | SMALL-MID MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value 50 million to 100 million USD. WINNER: EZ Worldwide Express Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization. Prized Winner Trophies presented: Bederson financial advisor to EZ, EisnerAmper advisor to UCC. Winner Circle advisors acknowledgement: Lowenstein Sandler legal advisor to UCC.

**TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | MID-MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value 100 to 500 million USD. WINNER: Aeropostale Chapter 11 Reorganization and acquisition by consortium group including Authentic Brands, Simon Property, General Growth Properties, Gordon Brothers and Hilco Merchant. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Miller Buckfire / Stifel, financial advisor to Aeropostale, Kelley Drye & Warren to creditors, DLA Piper legal advisor to Authentic Brands Group, and Development Specialists Inc. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting restructuring advisor to Aeroposatle.

**TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | UPPER-MID MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value 500 million to 1 billion USD. WINNER: GT Advanced Technologies Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* GT Advanced Technologies, Kelley Drye & Warren and EisnerAmper, advisors to the creditors.

**TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | LARGE MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value 1 to 2 billion USD. WINNER: Energy and Exploration Partner Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization. Prized Winner Trophies presented: Bracewell, legal advisor to debtors, Arent Fox, legal advisor to creditor. Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: Evercore, financial advisor to the debtors, FTI Consulting advisor to the creditors committee, Squire Patton Boggs legal advisor to the Trustee.

**TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | MEGA MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value 1 to 2 billion USD. WINNER: Chesapeake Energy operational and financial restructuring. *Prized Winner Trophy presented:* Evercore, exclusive financial advisor to Chesapeake Energy.

**CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | SMALL MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as 5 million to 100 million USD. WINNER: Conuma Coal Resources acquisition of Walter Energy Canada assets. Prized Winner Trophies presented: ERP Compliant Fuels, Dentons US/ Canada, legal advisor to ERP. Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: McMillan, legal advisor to the Canadian monitor, Walter Energy Chapter 11 restructuring advisors include PJT Partners.

**CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | MID-MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as 500 million to a billion USD. WINNER: Mahindra & Mahindra acquisition of majority stake in Pininfarina. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Mahindra & Mahindra.

**CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND** *of the* **YEAR** | LARGE MARKET SEGMENT: *Qualified as above a billion USD.* WINNER: Pacific Exploration & Production Company restructuring.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Catalyst Group, McMillan, legal advisor to Catalyst Group, Blackhill Partners, restructuring advisor to Pacific Exploration & Production Co, Evercore and Lazard as financial advisors, Davis Polk & Wardwell as the legal advisor to lender.

*Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting to creditors, Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle, legal advisor to Lazard, DLA Piper Canada legal advisor to Trustee, Dentons Canada to Blackhill,



## **CORPORATE TURNAROUND** *Awards Winners*

Standard: Best value-creating corporate restructuring. Sales and liquidations are excluded for this category.

**CORPORATE TURNAROUND** *of the* **YEAR** | SMALL MARKET SEGMENT: *Qualified as value 5 to 100 million USD.* WINNER: American Manufacturing and Affiliated Companies restructuring and financing. *Prized Winner Trophy presented:* Conway Mackenzie restructuring advisor to American Manufacturing.

**CORPORATE TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | SMALL MID-MARKET SEGMENT: *Qualified as value 100 to 250 million USD.* WINNER: Cardiac Science Corporation Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization and acquisition by to Aurora Resurgence, an affiliate of Aurora Capital Group.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Kugman Partners restructuring advisor to Cardiac Science, Foley & Lardner, co-legal advisor to the equitizing creditor, an affiliate of Aurora.

**CORPORATE TURNAROUND** *of the* **YEAR** | MIDDLE MARKET SEGMENT: *Qualified as value 250 to 1 billion USD.* WINNER: Vertellus Specialties Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

Prized Winner Trophies presented: DLA Piper, legal advisor to Vertellus.

*Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting restructuring advisor to Vertellus, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy legal advisor to lender.

**CORPORATE TURNAROUND** *of the* **YEAR** | LARGE MARKET SEGMENT: *Qualified as value 1 to 2.5 billion USD.* WINNER: CJ Energy Services Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Evercore, financial advisor to CJ Energy, Carl Marks financial advisor to UCC, Greenberg Traurig legal advisor to UCC.

Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: FTI Consulting restructuring advisor to creditors.

**CORPORATE TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | LARGE MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value 2.5 to 5 billion USD. WINNER: Energy XXI Chapter 11 of Plan Reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* PJT Partners, financial and Opportune restructuring advisor, to Energy XXI, Parkman Whaling advisor to Independent Directors, SSG Capital and Chiron Financial to equity group. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Ropes & Gray, advisor to Delaware Trust Company Successor.

**CORPORATE TURNAROUND** *of the* **YEAR** | MEGA MARKET SEGMENT: *Qualified as value above 5 billion USD.* WINNER: Arch Coal Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* PJT Partners, financial, FTI Consulting restructuring and Davis Polk & Wardwell legal advisor respectively to Arch Coal. Berkeley Research Group restructuring advisor, and Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, legal advisor to Unsecured Creditors Committee.

Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: Kelley Drye & Warren, legal advisor to UMB Bank.

#### **PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND** Awards Winners

Standards: Best value-creating acquisition or takeover of troubled assets by a private equity fund investor.

**PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | SMALL MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value 5 to 50 million USD. WINNER: Mid-States Supply Company acquisition by Staple Street Capital. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Staple Street Capital, SSG Capital Advisors advisor to Mid-States. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Kelley Drye & Warren, legal advisor to UMB Bank.



#### **PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND** *Awards Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating acquisition or takeover of troubled assets by a private equity fund investor.

**PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND** *of the* **YEAR** | MID-MARKET SEGMENT: *Qualified as 200 million to a billion USD.* WINNER: Quicksilver Resources US oil and gas assets acquisition by BlueStone Natural Resources in partnership with Natural Gas Partners.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Mibank Tweed Hadley & McCloy legal advisor to Lien Holders, Garden City Group as bankruptcy administrator.

*Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* PJT Partners advisor to Term Loans, Berkeley Research Group advisors to UCC, Conway Mackenzie advisor to Credit Agent, Foley & Lardner counsel to UMB Bank, Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle advisor to Indenture Trustee.

**PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND** of the **YEAR** | LARGE MARKET SEGMENT: Qualified as value above a billion USD. WINNER: Molycorp Chapter 11 Reorganization and takeover by Oaktree. (Neo Performance Materials). *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Miller Buckfire, Stifel as financial advisors to Molycorp, Mibank Tweed Hadley & McCloy legal advisor to Oaktree.

Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: PJT Partners and Berkeley Research Group advisors to UCC.

# **TRANSACTIONAL** Awards Winners

**OUT** of **COURT RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR** | SMALL MID MARKETS WINNER: Harris Connect restructuring and sale. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Novo Advisors, restructuring of Harris Connect.

# **OUT** of **COURT RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR** | MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: HDT Global financial restructuring. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Loughlin Management Partners and CDG Group as restructuring advisors.

# **OUT** of **COURT RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR** | LARGE

WINNER: Trans Energy restructuring and sale to EQT including certain assets affiliated with Republic Energy Ventures.

Prized Winner Trophies presented: Blackhill Partners as financial advisors to lenders.

#### **COMMUNITY REVIVIAL RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: ERP Iron Ore acquisition and revival of Magnetation.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* ERP Compliant Fuels, Dentons US, legal advisor to ERP. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Magnetation Chapter 11 reorganization include PJT Partners financial advisor, Davis Polk & Wardwell legal, and FTI Consulting as restructuring advisor to Magnetation, Mibank Tweed Hadley & McCloy legal advisor to Ad Hoc Committee of Senior Secured Noteholders.

#### **INSOLVENCY** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: Sports Authority Chapter 11 reorganization and sale of assets. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* FTI advisor to Sports Authority.



#### **CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING** Awards Winners

Standards: Standards: Best value-creating Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

# **CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING** *of the* **YEAR** | *Qualified as value 25 to 250 million USD.*

WINNER: BIND Therapeutics reorganization and acquisition by Pfizer. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Cowen & Co. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* DLA Piper legal advisor to Pfizer.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR | Qualified as value 250 million to a billion USD.

WINNER: Logan's Roadhouse reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Mackinac Partners and CDG Group restructuring advisors, Kelley Drye & Warren, legal advisor to UCC.

Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: FTI Consulting advisor to UCC.

# **CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR** | Qualified as value 1 billion to 2.5 billion to a billion USD.

WINNER: Life Partners Holdings reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Chapter 11 Trustee, H. Thomas Moran, II, Bridgepoint Consulting restructuring advisor, Thompson Knight, legal advisor to Trustee, Munsch Hardt Kopf & Harr, legal advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Asset Servicing Group, and Vida Capital.

# **CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR** | Qualified as value 2.5 billion to 5 billion to a billion USD.

WINNER: Verso Corporation reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* PJT Partners financial advisor to Verso, CDG Group restructuring advisor, Lowenstein Sandler as legal advisor to UCC.

*Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Davis Polk & Wardwell legal advisor to DIP Lender, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy legal advisor to First Lien Debt, Ropes & Gray, counsel to Loan committee.

# CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR | Qualified as value 2.5 billion to 5 billion to a billion USD.

WINNER: Alpha Natural Resources reorganization and asset sale to Contura Energy. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy legal advisor to UCC. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Davis Polk & Wardwell counsel to First Lien and DIP Lender, Foley & Lardner legal advisor to Indenture Trustees for the Secured and Unsecured Notes.

#### **CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR** | Qualified as value 2.5 billion to 5 billion to a billion USD.

WINNER: Texas Competitive Energy Holdings (TCEH) businesses including Luminant, TXU Energy and EFH Business Services spinoff from Energy Future Holdings (Vistra Energy). *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Evercore, financial advisor to Energy Future Holdings.

*Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy to TECH DIP financing facility, PJT Partners financial advisor to equity interest group, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel to Computershare Trust Company, Foley & Lardner to UMB Bank.

# PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR | MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: Fairway Group Holdings restructuring. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle, legal advisor to conflicts committee.

# **PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR** | LARGE

WINNER: Halcón Resources restructuring.

Prized Winner Trophies presented: PJT Partners financial advisor to Halcon.

Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: Foley & Lardner counsel to U.S. Bank National Association.



# **SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL** Awards Winners

Standards: Distressed M&A transactions, in or out of court.

# **SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL** of the **YEAR** | Qualified as value 5 to 25 million USD.

WINNER: Quantum Fuel Systems Technologies Chapter 11 sale to Douglas Acquisitions. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Mackinac Partners restructuring and Foley & Lardner, legal advisor to Quantum Fuel.

#### **SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL** of the **YEAR** | Qualified as value 25 to 100 million USD.

WINNER: Pate Dawson Company sale to Cheney Brothers. *Prized Winner Trophy presented:* Troutman Sanders legal advisor.

#### **SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL** of the **YEAR** | Qualified as value 100 to 250 million USD.

WINNER: Gawker Media Chapter 11 sale to Univision Communications. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Opportune restructuring and Ropes & Gray, legal advisor to Gawker.

# **SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL** of the **YEAR** | Qualified as value 250 million to below a billion USD.

WINNER: Abengoa Bioenergy Chapter 11 Reorganization sale of assets including four facilities to Green Plains, sale of Ravenna facility to KAAPA Ethanol, sale of Kansas ethanol plant to Synata Bio. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Carl Marks, financial and DLA Piper legal advisor to Abengoa. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting advisor to UCC.

#### **SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL** of the **YEAR** | Qualified as value above a billion USD.

WINNER: Walter Energy Chapter 11 Reorganization and sale of assets to Warrior Met Coal. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* PJT Partners financial advisor to Walter Energy, Lazard financial advisor to creditors, Berkeley Research Group advisor to creditors.

*Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Arent Fox to creditor, Ropes & Gray to Trustee, Lowenstein Sandler, counsel to United Mine Workers of America, Foley & Lardner to UMB Bank.

#### **INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING** Awards Winners

Standards: Best restructuring transaction out-come, in or out of court by industry sector.

# **CONSUMER PRODUCTS RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: Rienzi & Sons Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Ballon Stoll Bader & Nadler, legal advisor to Rienzi & Sons.

#### **CONSUMER SERVICES RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: Last Call Guarantor acquisition by Fun Eats and Drinks, affiliate of Kelly Investment. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* SSG Capital Advisors financial and Greenberg Traurig legal advisor to Last Call, Ankura Consulting advisor to UCC.

#### **ENERGY RESTRUCTURING** *of the* **YEAR** | MIDDLE MARKETS

WINNER: Linc USA reorganization and sale of assets including Alaska Resources to Arctic Acquisition, Gulf Coast assets to Torrent Oil, Wyoming assets to Big Muddy Operating. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Bracewell, legal and Parkman Whaling advisors to Linc, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, legal advisor and Carl Marks advisors to creditors. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Arent Fox legal advisor to Indenture Trustees, and Thompson Knight, legal advisor to Trustee.



#### **INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING** Awards Winners

Standards: Best restructuring transaction out-come, in or out of court by industry sector.

# **ENERGY RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR** | LARGE

WINNER: Midstates Petroleum Prearranged Chapter 11 Reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Squire Patton Boggs legal advisor to UCC, and FTI Consulting. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Evercore financial advisor to Midstates, Berkeley Research Group restructuring advisor to UCC, Conway Mackenzie advisor to E&P, Davis Polk & Wardwell to Ad Hoc Second Lien Committee, Milbank Tweed legal advisor to Cross-Over Ad Hoc Committee, Kelley Drye legal advisor to UMB Bank, Foley & Lardner legal advisor to Trustee.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: SFX Entertainment Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* FTI Consulting, restructuring and Greenberg Traurig legal advisor to SFX. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* Conway Mackenzie restructuring advisor to UCC.

# FINANCIAL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: RCS Capital Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Lazard as financial advisor to RCS, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel as legal advisor to creditor.

Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: FTI Consulting, Davis Polk & Wardell legal advisor to Lenders.

# HEALTHCARE SERVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: SynCardia Systems reorganization and sale to Versa Capital Management. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Versa Capital Management, Canaccord Genuity financial and Ankura Consulting restructuring advisor to SynCardia, Arent Fox legal advisor to UCC.

#### **INDUSTRIALS RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: Constellation Enterprises reorganization and sale of Commercial Metal Forming, Jorgensen Forge and Zero Manufacturing to CE Star Holdings and sale of Columbus Castings. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Conway Mackenzie restructuring, and Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel, legal advisor to Constellation Enterprises, Squire Patton Boggs legal advisor to UCC.

# MANUFACTURING & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: AstroTurf sale to APT Acquisition Construction Corp. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group advisor to UCC. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting restructuring advisor to AstroTurf.

# MINING & RESOURCES RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Navajo Transitional Energy Company financing and acquisition of Navajo Mine from BHP. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Headwaters MB financial advisor on structuring and acquisition financing.

# MEDIA & MARKETING RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Freedom Communications Chapter 11 sale to Digital First Media. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group advisor. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting financial advisor.



#### **INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING** Awards Winners

Standards: Best restructuring transaction out-come, in or out of court by industry sector.

# **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: Binder & Binder, National Social Security Disability Advocates Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Development Specialists Inc restructuring and Lowenstein Sandler, legal advisor to Binder & Binder.

Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement: Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw & Pittman, legal advisor to creditors.

#### **REAL ESTATE RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: Seaboard Realty reorganization and sale of eight assets from hospitality, multi-family and commercial/office properties.

*Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Keen-Summit Capital Partners financial advisor to Seaboard. *Winner circle advisors' acknowledgement:* FTI Consulting advisor to Seaboard.

### **TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING** of the **YEAR**

WINNER: Aspect Software Prearranged Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization. *Prized Winner Trophies presented:* Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP





# GET to KNOW INFORMATION

World's most prestigious, award exclusively honors excellence from the restructuring, distressed investing, insolvency, distressed M&A and turnaround communities. The independent awards recognizes achievements in the categories of best value-creating transactions, outstanding firms, top professionals, and influential leaders.

#### PRESTIGE

Winning the awards equates to achieving the "Gold Standard of Performance" seal of endorsement, validating excellence, and preeminent status in the industry since the winners are selected independently on "transaction performance merits", team expertise, track-record and leadership.

# **STANDARDS**

Prestige of the award emanates from the integrity and methodology of the process. Winners are judged by point-indexed method based on the transaction outcome criteria. Evaluative criteria include style, pre-and-post financial workout; debtor-creditor negotiation; sector complexities; regulatory and jurisdiction; stakeholder and community impact; leadership; brand strength; etc. Significantly, the process is independent of any involvement by industry associations or vendors to insure a 100% conflict-free process; and avoid any "pay for play" influence.

#### TROPHY PRESENTATION POLICY

Winners are honored at the annual gala ceremony. Following is the trophy presentation policy:

LEADERS & PROFESSIONAL: Recipient must personally accept their treasured trophy at the ceremony.

OUTSTANDING FIRMS: Firm representative can accept the trophy on behalf of their organization.

#### TRANSACTIONS:

- 1. Nominee Advantage. If you nominated, then you will be awarded the prized winner trophy at the gala ceremony. The respective transaction team member must attend the gala ceremony to accept their transaction trophy accolade.
- 2. Corporate or Asset Acquirers. We notify and invite the restructured organization and asset buyers.
- 3. Primary financial, legal, consultant advisors to the debtor, including DIP Lender advisor; followed by
- 4. Primary financial, legal, consultant advisor to the creditor committee; followed by
- 5. Secondary, debtor advisors, and lastly, the creditor advisors.

NOTE: Winner trophy is presented to the transaction teams, and at discretion of Global M&A Network. If a firm is part of several winning transactions, then please be sure to confirm team member who worked on the respective winning transaction for them to accept their transaction winner trophy.

#### TROPHY PURCHASE POLICY

Only firms' officially honored at the gala ceremony can purchase trophy on behalf of their clients and colleagues. Special engraving options are also available as feasible.

#### WINNERS CIRCLE, OFFICIAL PRESS Release

The release is made available after the gala celebration gathering.

Firms' in attendance at the gala and dinner are acknowledged on all the winning transactions advised by the firm regardless of having received the transactional winner trophy at gala dinner.

Logo and relevant information is provided free of charge to the "Winners Circle".