

CONGRATULATIONS

10th ANNUAL WINNERS CIRCLE *of the Year,*

July 22, 2018: Winners of the world's most prestigious were honored at the 10th Annual Gala and Ceremony celebrations held on the evening of July 19, 2018.

The independently governed awards, recognized excellence in categories of transactions, outstanding firms, top professionals and legendary leaders.

“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.

Thomas Clarke, CEO of Merida Natural Resources, Orinoco Natural Resources, and the Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund; **John Rapisardi**, Partner, at O'Melveny & Myers, **Laura Davis Jones**, Partner at Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, and **Ed Bond**, Founding Member of Bederson, were each honored as the recipient of Leadership accolade in unique categories.

“Each leadership awards recipients are among top influencers in the industry, with distinguished record of revitalizing companies, vision to shape their organization, as well as matchless combination of personal humility and support for the community.”, remarked Shanta Kumari, of Global M&A Network.



PRESTIGE: Winning the independently governed awards, equates to achieving the “Gold Standard of Performance” standing in the industry and markets, validating the firm and team excellence.

Host: Privately and women-owned, Global M&A Network is news, information, events connecting company, and producer of the world's most prestigious Atlas Awards branded programs.



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WINNERS HONORED: *July 19, 2018, New York.*

LEADERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS *Recipients of the Year*

about: Highest honor given to a c-level executive in admiration of their long-standing accomplishments, managerial skills, as well as influence and contributions made to advance and grow their respective organizations, industries, and economy.

TURNAROUND
Leadership Award

THOMAS M. CLARKE
Chief Executive Officer
Merida Natural Resources, Orinoco Natural Resources, and the Virginia Conservation Legacy Fund.

RESTRUCTURING
Leadership Award

JOHN J. RAPISARDI
Partner, Chair of Global Restructuring Practice
O'Melveny & Myers, LLP

WOMEN
Leadership Award

LAURA DAVIS JONES
name Partner, member managing committee
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, LLP

LIFETIME
Leadership Award

EDWARD P. BOND
Founding Member of Bederson.

CORPORATE TURNAROUND

about: The accolade is a firm-wide recognition from corporate segments for successfully completing restructuring, as well as forward-looking growth strategies, and creating value for stakeholders.

CORPORATE
Team Award

PEABODY ENERGY
Completed Chapter 11 restructuring.

RESTRUCTURING PROFESSIONALS

about: Honors brilliant and successful professionals from the restructuring and turnaround industries for their demonstrable record of executing transactions of behalf of the clients. The award recipient must win transactional award to be considered of this category.

BOUTIQUE INVESTMENT BANKER
Award Recipient

SHEON KAROL
Managing Director
The Dak Group

BOUTIQUE CONSULTANT
Award Recipient

DENNIS S. FAULKER
Shareholder
Lain Faulkner & Co.



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OUTSTANDING FIRMS AWARDS *Winners of the Year*

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

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

USA MID-MARKETS TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Opportune / Dacarba

USA BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Novo Advisors

CREDITORS TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Berkeley Research Group

BANKRUPTCY ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES PROVIDER *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions

USA REAL ESTATE RESTRUCTURING
ADVISOR *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Keen-Summit Capital Partners

USA MID-MARKETS VALUATION
ADVISOR *of the YEAR*
WINNER: GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group

U.S.A TURNAROUND
FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Resilience Capital Partners

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*
WINNER: PJT Partners

USA MID-MARKETS RESTRUCTURING
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*
WINNER: SSG Capital Advisors

USA BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING
INVESTMENT BANK *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Farlie Turner & Co

GLOBAL RESTRUCTURING
LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy, LLP

GLOBAL MID-MARKETS RESTRUCTURING
LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: DLA Piper LLP

USA MID-MARKETS RESTRUCTURING
LAW FIRM *of the YEAR*
WINNER: Foley & Lardner LLP



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INDUSTRY SECTOR, *Awards Winners*

CONSUMER segments

CONSUMER PRODUCTS RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Highview Capital and Victory Park Capital Advisors acquire Katy Industries.

Winner Circle: Highview Capital, Victory Park Capital Advisors, DLA Piper LLP legal advisor to Katy, and Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP legal advisor to unsecured creditors, Skadden Arps Meagher & Flom LLP, legal advisor to the acquirer, and FTI Consulting.

FOOD & BEVERAGE RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: TerraVia Chapter 11 restructuring and sale to Corbian.

Winner Circle: Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP, legal advisor to TerraVia, Troutman Sanders, LLP, legal advisor to bank lenders, Shearman & Sterling LLP to Passport Capital, and Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP as local legal advisor to Passport Capital.

RETAIL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Payless Shoesource restructuring.

Winner: Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP legal advisor to unsecured creditors.

RESTAURANT & HOSPITALITY RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Souplantation & Sweet Tomatoes (Garden Fresh) restructuring and acquisition by Cerberus Capital, subsequent sale to Perpetual Capital and CR3 Capital.

Winner Circle: CR3 Capital, advisor to the debtor, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP local legal advisor to local Term Loan B Agent & DIP Lender, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, local legal advisor to unsecured creditors committee.

about: Transaction “Winners Circle”

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INDUSTRY SECTOR, *Awards Winners*

ENERGY segments

ENERGY RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR *(Large, value above \$500 million, oil, gas related industries.)*

WINNER: Vanguard Natural Resources Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

Winner Circle: Opportune advisor to Vanguard, Jackson Walker LLP local legal to noteholders, Evercore Partners, advisor to Vanguard, PJT Partners and Milbank Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP advisors to senior unsecured note-holders group, FTI Consulting advisor to unsecured creditors, Foley & Lardner, LLP advisor to equity holders.

ENERGY RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR *(Middle Market, value 250 - \$500 million, oil, gas industries.)*

WINNER: Forbes Energy Services Pre-Packaged Plan of Reorganization.

Winner Circle: Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP legal to Forbes Energy, McKool Smith, local legal advisor to unsecured noteholders, FTI Consulting advisor to noteholders.

ENERGY RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR *(Small Mid-Markets, below \$250 million, oil, gas industries.)*

WINNER: Northstar Offshore Ventures, subsidiary of Orinoco Natural Resources acquires oil and gas assets from Northstar Offshore Group.

Winner Circle: Orinoco Natural Resources, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, legal advisor to Orinoco, CR3 Partners, advisor to debtor, DLA Piper LLP and FTI Consulting to unsecured creditors group.

CLEANTECH RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR

WINNER: Aquion Energy Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization, and sale to affiliate of China Titans Energy Technology Group.

Winner Circle: Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, legal advisor to the Aquion Energy, Cooley LLP legal advisor to Trinity Capital.

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INDUSTRY SECTOR, *Awards Winners*

FINANCIAL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: J.G. Wentworth Pre-Packaged Chapter 11 Restructuring.

Winner Circle: Evercore Partners advisor to J.G.Wentworth, Ankura Consulting Group advisor to debtor, Davis Polk & Wardwell, LLP and FTI Consulting, advisors to the lender.

INDUSTRIAL segments

INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: ABC Disposal Services Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

Winner Circle: Capstone Headwaters to the debtor.

INDUSTRIAL SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Chellino Crane restructuring and acquisition by M-L Holdings Company.

Winner Circle: Conway MacKenzie, and FocalPoint Securities advisors to the debtor, Foley & Lardner, LLP legal advisor to DIP lender.

MINING & RESOURCES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: U.S. Steel Canada restructuring and acquisition by Bedrock Industries.

Winner Circle: Bennett Jones LLP

SHIPPING & SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Ultrapetrol (Bahamas) Pre-Packaged Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

Winners Circle: Miller Buckfire & Co advisor to the debtors, PJT Partners and Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy advisors to noteholders, FTI Consulting to the creditors.

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INDUSTRY SECTOR, *Awards Winners*

HEALTH segments

HEALTH CARE SERVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: 21st Century Oncology Holdings Pre-negotiated Chapter 11 Restructuring.

Winners Circle: Berkeley Research Group advisor to unsecured creditors group, PJT Partners and Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy advisors to first lien and DIP lenders, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, to equity holders.

PHARMA & DEVICES RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Halt Medical Chapter 11 restructuring and sale to Murray Enterprise and s3 Ventures.

Winners Circle: Canaccord Genuity, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, and Cooley LLP advisors to the debtor.

OUT *of* COURT

RESTRUCTURING, *Award Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating non-judicial restructuring. Entity must survive in part or per core operations.

OUT *of* COURT RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR* • Small Cap. (Value below \$100 million.)

WINNER: Seville Farms financial restructuring and refinance.

Winner Circle: Chiron Financial, advisor to Seville Farms, and Jackson Walker LLP, as counsel.

OUT *of* COURT RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR* • Small Mid-Markets. (Value below \$100-200 million.)

WINNER: Bebe Stores corporate restructuring.

Winners Circle: B. Riley and Dentons, advisors to Bebe Stores.

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OUT of COURT RESTRUCTURING, *Award Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating non-judicial restructuring. Entity must survive in part or per core operations.

OUT of COURT RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • Mid-Markets. (*Value \$200 - \$500 million.*)

WINNER: JD Byrider restructuring.

Winners Circle: Novo Advisors, to JD Byrider.

OUT of COURT RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • Large. (*Value above \$500 million.*)

WINNER: J. Crew Group debt restructuring.

Winners Circle: Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy legal advisors to creditors, PJT Partners, advisor to creditors, Ropes & Gray LLP advisor to the sponsors.

PRE-PACK or PRE-NEGOTIATED RESTRUCTURING, *Award Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating pre-pack, pre-negotiated or pre-arranged Chapter 11 reorganization.

PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • *Qualified as value below \$250 million.*

WINNER: Perfumania Holdings restructuring.

Winners Circle: Ankura Consulting Group, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, LLP advisor to Perfumania.

PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • *Qualified as value \$250 – 750 million.*

WINNER: Nuverra Environmental Solutions restructuring.

Winners Circle: Shearman & Sterling LLP and Squire Patton Boggs, LLP advisors to debtor, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, local legal advisor to noteholders, DLA Piper LLP local legal advisor to Wells Fargo.

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PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING, *Award Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating pre-pack, pre-negotiated or pre-arranged Chapter 11 reorganization.

PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • Large. *Qualified as value \$750 million to a billion.*
WINNER: Roust Corporation restructuring.

Winners Circle: Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP, legal advisor to note holders, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom, LLP advisor to Roust.

PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • Large. *Qualified as value above a billion.*

WINNER: Gymboree Corp pre-negotiated restructuring.

Winners Circle: Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy legal advisors to creditors, Neil Augustine, formerly of Rothschild, currently at Greenhill & Co, advisor to the creditors.

SPECIAL SITUATION

M&A DEAL, *Awards Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating sale of troubled assets in or out of court from North Americas region.

SMALL MID MARKETS segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$25 million.*

WINNER: Accubuilt acquisition by SPV Coach (Armbruster Stageway).

Winners Circle: Equity Partners HG, investment banker on the sale of Accubuilt.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$25 to \$50 million.*

WINNER: Chieftain Sand and Proppant Chapter 11 restructuring and acquisition by Mammoth Energy Services.

Winners Circle: Gibbons PC, legal advisor to Chieftain Sand and Proppant.

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Standards: Best value-creating sale of troubled assets in or out of court from North Americas region.

MIDDLE MARKETS segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$50 - \$200 million.*

WINNER: Ignite Restaurant Group (Joe's Crab Shack) Chapter 11 restructuring and acquisition by affiliates of Landry's Inc.

Winners Circle: Haynes & Boone, legal advisor to Landry's, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, and FTI Consulting advisors to unsecured creditors group.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$200 - \$500 million.*

WINNER: SquareTwo Financial Services Chapter 11 restructuring and sale to Resurgent Holdings, an affiliate of Sherman Financial Group.

Winners Circle: Foley & Lardner, legal advisor to Resurgent, Miller Buckfire & Co financial advisor to the debtor.

LARGE segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR | *Qualified as value above \$500 million.*

WINNER: Fairfax Financial and Sagard Capital Partners acquire assets of Performance Sports Group under Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act and Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

Winners Circle: Bennett Jones LLP, advisor to Company Board of Directors, FTI Consulting, advisor to first lien lenders, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, legal advisor to prepetition agent, Shearman & Sterling LLP, legal advisor to Fairfax, Neil Augustine, formerly of Rothschild, currently at Greenhill & Co, advisor to buyer.

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CHAPTER 11

RESTRUCTURING, *Awards Winners*

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

SMALL MID MARKETS segments

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$100 million.*

WINNER: Big Apple Circus restructuring and acquisition by Compass Partners.

Winners Circle: Debevoise & Plimpton LLP and Goldin Associates, advisors to Big Apple Circus, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, to unsecured creditors group.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$100 - \$250 million.*

WINNER: Vanguard Healthcare restructuring.

Winners Circle: Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP, advisor to Vanguard Health, FTI Consulting.

MID MARKETS segments

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$ 250 to less than billion.*

WINNER: Optima Specialty Steel restructuring.

Winners Circle: Miller Buckfire, Conway Mackenzie, Greenberg Traurig LLP advisors to Optima Specialty, Squire Patton Boggs LLP, legal advisor to unsecured creditors group, FTI Consulting to creditors.

LARGE segments

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$ 1 to \$10 billion.*

WINNER: Peabody Energy restructuring.

Winners Circle: Peabody Energy, FTI Consulting advisor to Peabody, Berkeley Research Group advisor to unsecured creditors group, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, to senior noteholders, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP, Foley & Lardner LLP, to Trustee.

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RESTRUCTURING, *Awards Winners*

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

LARGE.MEGA segments

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING *of the YEAR* | *Qualified as value above \$10 billion.*

WINNER: SunEdison & Subsidiaries restructuring.

Winners Circle: Ankura Consulting Group advisor to SunEdison, Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP and Togut Segal & Segal LLP, advisors to SunEdison, Keen-Summit Capital Partners, real estate advisor to SunEdison, Berkeley Research Group, advisor to creditors, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel to Company Director, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, advisor to 2nd Lien claimants, Foley & Lardner LLP, counsel to Indenture Trustee, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, advisor to DIP Holders, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP legal advisor to Administrative Agent (2nd lien credit), Troutman Sanders LLP counsel to Trust.

REFINANCING

Award Winners

REFINANCING DEAL *of the YEAR* • MID-MARKETS

WINNER: Arhaus refinance with Monroe Capital and PIMCO Corporate & Income Opportunity Fund.

Winners Circle: GlassRatner Advisory & Capital Group, operational advisor to Arhaus.

REFINANCING DEAL *of the YEAR* • LARGE

WINNER: Gateway Casinos & Entertainment refinancing.

Winners Circle: The Catalyst Capital Group.

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CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL, *Award Winners*

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M&A DEAL of the YEAR | Small Markets (*Value: Below \$100 million.*)

WINNER: Boohoo acquires Nasty Gal.

Winners Circle: Troutman Sanders LLP legal advisor to Boohoo, B Riley, financial advisor to Nasty Girl, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP counsel to lender.

CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION

M&A DEAL of the YEAR | Middle Markets (*Value: Below \$100 up to 500 million.*)

WINNER: Eastern Outfitters sale of Eastern Mountain Sports and Bob's Stores under section 363 of the bankruptcy code to Sports Direct International plc.

Winners Circle: Bracewell LLP, legal advisor to debtors, Greenberg Traurig LLP counsel to buyers, Cooley LLP advisor to unsecured creditor group, and Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, local legal advisor to unsecured creditors group.

CROSS BORDER SPECIAL SITUATION

M&A DEAL of the YEAR | Large (*Value: above \$500 million.*)

WINNER: Macquarie Capital together with Techint Engineering and Construction acquisition and financing of Norte III project from Abengoa.

Winners Circle: Carl Marks Advisors to debtor on the sale, Curtis Mallet-Prevost Colt & Mosle LLP, counsel to the Mexican government, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP, counsel to the acquirers, and FTI Consulting.

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CORPORATE

TURNAROUND, *Award Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating in or out of court restructuring. Entity must survive in part or per core operations.

SMALL MID-MARKETS segments

CORPORATE TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified value up to \$25 million.*

WINNER: Color Communications turnaround, and out of court sale to CM Acquisition.

Winner Circle: Portage Point Partners, advisor to Color Communications.

CORPORATE TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified value up to \$25 to \$250 million.*

WINNER: Valuepart restructuring.

Winners Circle: CR3 Partners, FocalPoint Securities, and Foley & Lardner, advisors to Valuepart, and Lain Faulkner & Co, advisor to unsecured creditors group.

MIDDLE MARKETS segments

CORPORATE TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified value up to \$250 to \$500 million.*

WINNER: Triple Five Energy Resources non-judicial debt restructuring.

Winner Circle: Chiron Financial advisor and placement agent to Triple Five Energy.

CORPORATE TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified value up to \$500 million to below a billion.*

WINNER: Frigoglass restructuring.

Winners Circle: Shearman & Sterling LLP, legal advisor to Frigoglass, PJT Partners, advisor to creditors.

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LARGE.MEGA segments

CORPORATE TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified value from \$1 to \$5 billion.*

WINNER: CHC Group Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

Winners Circle: PJT Partners, FTI Consulting, advisors to CHC, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, counsel to CHC, Appleby, offshore counsel, DLA Piper LLP, special counsel to CHC, Greenhill & Co, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, advisors to unsecured creditors group, and Foley & Lardner, LLP.

CORPORATE TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified value above \$5 billion.*

WINNER: LINN Energy Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

Winners Circle: Jackson Walker LLP local legal advisor to debtors, O'Melveny & Myers LLP, counsel to noteholders, Ropes & Gray LLP and Conway Mackenzie, advisors to unsecured creditors group, Haynes & Boone LLP legal advisor to Andarko, and additional E&P entities.

COMMUNITY REVIVAL TURNAROUND of the YEAR

WINNER: ESML Holdings Chapter 11 Reorganization and acquisition by Chippewa Capital Partners (Mesabi Metallics Company).

Winners Circle: Chippewa Capital, Dentons LLP, legal advisor to acquirer, B Riley advisor to the debtor.

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PRIVATE EQUITY

TURNAROUND, *Award Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating buyout, or add-on acquisition by private equity portfolio company, and restructuring.

SMALL MARKETS segments

PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$25 million.*

WINNER: Point Blank Enterprises, company of JLL Partners acquires Short Bark Industries.

Winners Circle: SSG Capital Advisors, MorrisAnderson & Associates advisors to Short Bark, Bederson, director at Short Bark.

SMALL MID-MARKET segments

PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$25 to \$200 million.*

WINNER: Kingswood Capital acquires Versar.

Winners Circle: Canaccord Genuity investment banker on sale, Berkeley Research Group advisor to the Versar.

MID-MARKET segments

PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$200 to below a billion.*

WINNER: Knight Energy Chapter 11 Reorganization and recapitalization led by Clearlake Capital Group and includes management and the Knight family.

Winners Circle: Farlie Turner and Opportune as advisors to Knight Energy.

LARGE segments

PRIVATE EQUITY TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value above a billion.*

WINNER: Brookfield Asset Management acquisition of TerraForm Global and TerraForm Power from SunEdison.

Winner Circle: Brookfield Asset Management.

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REGIONAL MARKETS

TURNAROUND, *Award Winners*

Standards: Best value-creating restructuring transactions, may be judicial or out of court, financial or operational. The restructured company must survive in part or per core operations post restructuring; or as an acquired asset.

AFRICA

TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Edcon judicial restructuring.

Winners Circle: Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP counsel to GLAS Trust Corp, PJT Partners, FTI Consulting, Shearman & Sterling, advisors to creditors and lenders.

WESTERN EUROPE

TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Premier Oil restructuring.

Winner Circle: FTI Consulting advisor to creditors.

EASTERN EUROPE

TURNAROUND *of the YEAR*

WINNER: Metinvest restructuring.

Winner Circle: PJT Partners, to creditors.

Note: The Asia Pacific and Latin America related restructurings will be honored at the Asia Pacific and Americas M&A Atlas Awards, regional programs held later this year.

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CROSS BORDER

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CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Small (*Qualified value \$5 and below \$100 million.*)

WINNER: Vitamin World Chapter 11 Section 363 sale to Feihe International.

Winners Circle: SSG Capital Advisors to Vitamin World, DLA Piper LLP and FTI Consulting as advisors to Feihe International, and Berkley Research Group as an advisor to unsecured creditors group. GLAS Trust Corp, PJT Partners, FTI Consulting, Shearman & Sterling, advisors to creditors and lenders groups.

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Mid-Markets (*Qualified value \$100 to \$500 million.*)

WINNER: EMAS CHIYODA Subsea Chapter 11 reorganization and acquisition by Subsea 7.

Winners Circle: KPMG and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP as advisors to debtors, FTI Consulting to creditors, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP and Haynes & Boone LLP as legal advisors to agent and security trustee, and Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP.

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Large (*Qualified value \$500 million to \$5 billion.*)

WINNER: Global A&T Electronics Pre-Packaged Chapter 11 restructuring.

Winners Circle: Ropes & Gray to noteholders, Dentons counsel to Trustee, PJT Partners, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP to consenting group of noteholders.

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR | Large.Mega (*Qualified value above \$5 billion.*)

WINNER: Abengoa judicial restructuring and recapitalization.

Winners Circle: Cortés Abogados counsel to Abengoa, Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP to exit financing, KPMG (Spain) as an advisor to lenders, DLA Piper LLP and FTI Consulting as advisors to Abengoa on its Chapter 15 filing in U.S.

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SMALL MARKETS segments

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$50 million.*

WINNER: International Technical Coatings Chapter 11 restructuring (ITC Manufacturing)

Winner Circle: MorrisAnderson & Associates as an advisor to the debtor.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$50 to \$100 million.*

WINNER: California Proton Treatment Center Chapter 11 restructuring and recapitalization.

Winners Circle: Carl Marks Advisors to California Proton, Loughlin Management Partners to lender, Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCloy LLP to lender.

MIDDLE MARKETS segments

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$100 to \$250 million.*

WINNER: Resilience Capital Partners in partnership with LBC Credit Partners acquires National Label Company.

Winners Circle: Resilience Capital Partners, SSG Capital Advisors and Getzler Henrich & Associates to National Label.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$250 to \$500 million.*

WINNER: Violin Memory restructuring and acquisition by Soros Fund Management.

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MIDDLE MARKETS segments

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value below \$500 to \$750 million.*

WINNER: Erickson Incorporated Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization.

Winners Circle: Haynes & Boone legal advisor to Erickson, Ropes & Gray and Loughlin Management Partners advisors to DIP Term facility, and FTI Consulting.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$750 million to below a billion.*

WINNER: GrafTech International Holdings restructuring.

Winners Circle: Brookfield Asset Management.

LARGE segments

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value \$1 to \$5 billion.*

WINNER: Ocean Rig UDW Restructuring.

Winners Circle: Evercore, FTI Consulting, Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP as advisors to Ocean Rig, Appleby and Milbank Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP as advisors to the lenders.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR | *Qualified as value above \$5 billion.*

WINNER: Caesars Entertainment Operating Company Chapter 11 reorganization.

Winners Circle: Miller Buckfire & Co, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, Berkeley Research Group to bondholders, PJT Partners to sponsors, Milbank Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP counsel to parent company, FTI Consulting to unsecured creditors, DLA Piper LLP to conflicts committee, Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP counsel to group of unsecured noteholders, Foley & Lardner LLP advisor to Indenture Trustee.

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PRESTIGE: Winning the awards equates to achieving the "Gold Standard of Performance" standing in the industry and markets, validating excellence since the winners are selected on performance metrics, successfully effecting restructurings, firm expertise and leadership.

INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE & STANDARDS

Prestige stems from the integrity of the process. Finalists and winners are judged by point-indexed scoring method based on criteria that includes performance evaluation metrics such as: financial variables including debt restructure and complexity; organizational – operations, management restructure; sector/markets; jurisdiction; resiliency; stakeholder/community impact; brand value; leadership among transaction and category relevant criteria; etc. League table rankings are immaterial for winner selection.

Significantly, the process does not involve industry vendors or feedback to insure a 100% conflict-free, independent process. We also do not accept sponsorship for the awards gala from advisors to avoid any "pay for play" influences.

"Pay for Play": No nomination fees and firms cannot influence or expect to win specific awards per their "want". Attending the privately hosted networking gala dinner to be recognized does not equate to "pay for play" since awards winners have no influence on the winner selection process or status.

TROPHY PRESENTATION POLICY

- Outstanding Firm Awards: Firm representatives can accept the coveted winner trophy.
- Leaders & Dealmaker: Recipients / team must accept their treasured trophy at the gala-ceremony.
- Transactional Awards: It is the transaction that wins, and respective advisor from a firm attending the gala is awarded their winner trophy. Following is trophy presentation policy: (1) Nominees gain advantage; followed by, (2) Acquirers – corporate or investor firm; followed by, (3) Primary debtor side advisors; followed by, (4) Primary "creditors" committees, or lender group advisors; followed by, (5) Secondary and relevant transaction advisors.

Firms winning multiple transactional awards (3 or more), must confirm team member who worked on the respective transaction to accept their winner trophy. Firms attending the gala ceremony are able to promote and publicize all transactional wins at the gala.

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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 'Touting Initiative' Rules

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