CONGRATULATIONS

14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL
WINNERS CIRCLE of the Year

July 22, 2022: Winners of the world’s most prestigious were honored during the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Ceremony – held virtually yesterday.

The independently governed awards recognized excellence in categories of best value creating transactions, outstanding firms, and legendary leaders.

Martin J. Bienstock, partner at Proskauer Rose LLP, and Robert Del Genio, senior managing director at FTI Consulting were recipients of the “Leadership Awards”, along with Natalie D. Ramsey, partner at Robinson + Cole awarded the Women Leadership accolade.

“The award validates excellence, diligent 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.


42 TRANSACTIONS of the YEAR awards,
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RESTRICTURING LEADERSHIP AWARD
listed alphabetically.

MARTIN J. BIENENSTOCK
Partner, Chair of Business Solutions, Governance, Restructuring & Bankruptcy Group
Proskauer Rose LLP

Recipient of the Restructuring Leadership Achievement Award in legal advisor category.

ROBERT DEL GENIO
Senior Managing Director,
Co-Leader of the Corporate Finance & Restructuring New York Metro.
FTI Consulting

Recipient of the Restructuring Leadership Achievement Award in consulting advisor category.

NATALIE D. RAMSEY
Partner, Co-chair Bankruptcy + Reorganizations Group
Robinson + Cole LLP

Recipient of the Women Leadership Achievement Award

about: Leaders Award is the 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. Recipients must have over 25 years of industry experience, and advised on award winning transactions.

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OUTSTANDING FIRMS AWARD
Winners of the Year

GLOBAL TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: FTI Consulting

U.S.A TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Province

U.S.A BOUTIQUE TURNAROUND
CONSULTING FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Portage Point Partners

REAL ESTATE
RESTRUCTURING FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: A&G Realty Partners

RESTRUCTURING
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Miller Buckfire, A Stifel Co

BOUTIQUE RESTRUCTURING
INVESTMENT BANK of the YEAR
WINNER: Chiron Financial

RESTRUCTURING
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Greenberg Traurig, LLP

BANKRUPTCY LITIGATION
LAW FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: Brown Rudnick, LLP

CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS
FIRM of the YEAR
WINNER: FTI Strategic Communications

Evaluation Criteria: (1) Track record as a lead advisor on restructuring transactions; (2) Notable transactions completed over the calendar year 2021; (3) Team leadership, experience, and expertise. (3) Must win transaction awards to be able to win firm award. (4) League table per volume and value are irrelevant for winner selection. Except for the “Global” category, all other firm award categories were evaluated based on transactions closed in USA.

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TURNAROUND Award Winners:

TURNAROUND of the YEAR ● SMALL MARKETS (Value Range: Below $50 million.)
WINNER: Paceline Equity Partners acquisition and restructuring of 106 Spring Street.
Winner Circle: Paceline Equity Partners.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR ● SMALL-MID-MARKETS (Value Range: $50 to below $100 million.)
WINNER: OFS International restructuring and refinance.
Winner Circle: Chiron Financial and Haynes and Boone LLP as advisors to the company, Carl Marks Advisor to the creditor.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR ● MID-MARKETS
WINNER: Secure Home Holdings “My Alarm Center” pre-pack Chapter 11 restructuring and recapitalization.
Winner Circle: Raymond James advised the company, and Greenhill & Co advised the lenders, also Chipman Brown Cicero & Cole, LLP, counsel to the debtor.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR ● LARGE
WINNER: Ferrellgas Partners pre-packaged Chapter 11 restructuring.

TURNAROUND of the YEAR ● MEGA (Value: above $5 billion.)
WINNER: Hertz Global Holdings.
Winner Circle: FTI Consulting advisor to the debtor. Mayer Brown LLP counsel on creditor side.

SOVEREIGN RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR
WINNER: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico restructuring.
Winner Circle: Ankura Consulting Group, Proskauer Rose LLP, Brown Rudnick LLP

CROSS BORDER TURNAROUND of the YEAR
WINNER: Avianca Holdings Chapter 11 restructuring.
Winner Circle: FTI Consulting advisor to the debtor. Mayer Brown LLP counsel on creditor side.

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PRIVATE EQUITY
Award Winners:

PRIVATE EQUITY ACQ
DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MARKETS Segments.
WINNER: Gorham Paper & Tissue and White Mountain Tissue Chapter 11 restructuring and acquisition of assets by Behrens Investment Group.
Winner Circle: Polsinelli PC debtor co-counsel, Reed Smith LLP legal advisor to unsecured creditors, also, B. Riley Securities advisor to the company, Cole Schotz P.C to Zohar Funds.

PRIVATE EQUITY ACQ
DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MID MARKETS Segments. (Value range Below $25 – $50 million.)
WINNER: In-Shape Health Clubs sale of gym business to Aquiline Capital Partners.
Winner Circle: Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP debtor co-counsel, Kelley Drye & Warren LLP legal advisor to unsecured creditors, Chipman Brown Cicero & Cole LLP co-counsel to DIP lenders, also, B. Riley Real Estate Advisory Services.

PRIVATE EQUITY ACQ
DEAL of the YEAR ● MID MARKETS Segments.
WINNER: Atar Capital acquires assets of Metco Landscape.
Winner Circle: Sierra Constellation, and Raymond James advisor to the seller.

CORPORATE
TURNAROUND
Award Winners:

CORPORATE
TURNAROUND of the YEAR
WINNER: ABC Carpet & Home Chapter 11 restructuring.
Winner Circle: Greenberg Traurig LLP debtor counsel, Cole Schotz PC, legal advisor to Paulette Cole, current owner, and great-granddaughter of ABC Carpet and Home’s founder, also, B. Riley Securities investment bankers to the company, and B. Riley Retail Solutions, and Foley & Lardner, LLP as legal advisor to the lenders, and Province.

CORPORATE
TURNAROUND of the YEAR ● LARGE (Value: above $1 billion.)
WINNER: Gulfport Energy Corporation pre-arranged Chapter 11 restructuring.
Winner Circle: Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP to the Board.

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CROSS BORDER
SPECIAL SITUATION M&A
Award Winners:

CROSS BORDER
SPECIAL SITUATION
M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MID MARKETS Segments.
WINNER: Klausner Lumber Two Section 363 Sale to Binderholz Enfield, owned by binderholz Group.
WINNER Circle: Asgaard Capital, Cypress Associates as advisors to the company, and Armstrong Teasdale LLP, and EisnerAmper as advisors to the creditor-side.

CROSS BORDER
SPECIAL SITUATION
M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL MID MARKETS Segments (Value: $100 to $200 million.).
WINNER: Country Fresh sale of assets under Section 363 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act proceeding in Canada to Stellex Capital Management, Toronto assets to Homestyle Selections, portfolio company of Tillridge Global Agribusiness Partners and Save-On Foods, subsidiary of the Jim Pattison Food Group.
WINNER Circle: Foley & Lardner, LLP and Ankura Consulting Group as advisors to the company.

CROSS BORDER
SPECIAL SITUATION
M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● MID MARKETS Segments (Value: Above $200 million.).
WINNER: Rockdale Marcellus Chapter 11 bankruptcy sale of nearly all assets to Repsol USA, subsidiary of Repsol.
WINNER Circle: Reed Smith LLP advisor to the debtor, also, Brown Rudnick LLP, counsel to RBL Lenders.

OUT of COURT
Award Winners:

OUT of COURT
RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● SMALL MARKETS.
WINNER: Pocono ProFoods restructuring and acquisition by Dricoll Foods
WINNER Circle: SSG Capital Advisors.

OUT of COURT
RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● MID-MARKETS.
WINNER: Latshaw Drilling Company balance sheet restructuring.
WINNER Circle: Oppenheimer & Co to the company, also, Carl Marks Advisor to the creditors.

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PRE-PACKAGED RESTRUCTURING
Award Winners:

PRE-PACK RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● SMALL-MARKETS (Value: Below $100 million.)
WINNER: Adara Enterprises.
Winners Circle: Loeb & Loeb LLP legal counsel to Adara, and Goulston & Storrs P.C advised creditor ESW Holdings.

PRE-PACK RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● MIDDLE-MARKETS
WINNER: Sundance Energy.
Winners Circle: Haynes and Boone legal counsel to secured lenders, also, Miller Buckfire / Stifel, and FTI Consulting

LIQUIDATION

CHAPTER 11 LIQUIDATION of the YEAR
WINNER-NOMINEE: Medley LLC.
Winners Circle: Kelley Drye & Warren LLP counsel to the Liquidating Trust, also, B. Riley Securities and FTI Consulting to the debtor.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A Award Winners:

SMALL MARKETS Segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● MICRO-SMALL (Value below $10 million.)
WINNER-NOMINEE: Covail (Columbus Collaboratory LLC) sale to GoSecure.
Winners Circle: Capstone Partners.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● SMALL (Value Range: above $10 to below $25 million.)
WINNER-NOMINEE: Tri-Wire Engineering Solutions sale of assets to ITG Communications.
Winners Circle: SSG Capital Advisors and Casner & Edwards, LLP advisors to the company, Jeffrey D. Sternklar, LLC counsel creditors, and Goulston & Storrs PC advised ITG.

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SPECIAL SITUATION M&A Award Winners:

SMALL MIDDLE MARKETS Segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Francesca’s Holdings 363 Asset Sale to TerraMar Capital, Tiger Capital and SB360 Capital.
Winners Circle: FTI Capital Advisors advisor to Francesca’s, SierraConstellation, also, Greenberg Traurig LLP, legal advisor to lenders, and A&G Realty Partners, Cole Schotz P.C. as counsel to unsecured creditors.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● (Value Range: above $50 to below $100 million.)
WINNER: Consolidated Hospitality Supplies acquires operating assets of American Hotel Register Company including American Hotel’s “Registry” brand.
Winners Circle: Novo Advisors advisor to the company, also, Greenhill & Co, as M&A advisor to the company.

MIDDLE MARKETS Segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR
WINNER: Telligent Chapter 11 sale of Canadian assets to Hikma Pharmaceuticals, U.S. manufacturing facility to Leiters, and marketing authorizations to Pharmaceutical Associates.
Winners Circle: Portage Point Partners as CRO to the debtor, also, Raymond James advised the company, Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP counsel to its long-standing client, Hikma.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● (Value Range: above $100 to below $250 million.)
WINNER: CarbonLite Holdings Chapter 11 four-part sale of assets including Reading, PA to DAK Americas, owned by Alpek, Dallas, TX to Indorama Ventures, Riverside, CA and CarbonLite IP to The Sterling Group and Oxnard, CA to Pinpack Capital.
Winners Circle: Province as financial advisor to the creditor-side.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● (Value Range: above $250 to below $500 million.)
WINNER: Sequential Brands sale of assets under Chapter 11 including active assets to Galaxy Universal, portfolio company of Gainline Capital Partners, Joe’s Jeans and William Rast brands to WHP Global and Centric Brands, Jessica Simpson Lifestyle brands to With You, and out of court sale of Heelys to BBC International, sale of the DVS to Elan Polo International and the sale of Ellen Tracy and Caribbean Joe to GMA Group.
Winners Circle: Miller Buckfire / Stifel advisor to Sequential Brands, also, Armstrong Teasdale LLP to equity holders, Province advisor to KKR Credit Advisors.

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SPECIAL SITUATION M&A Award Winners:

LARGE Segments

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● (Value Range: above $500 – 750 million.)
WINNER: Evergreen Gardens Mezz, entity controlled by All Year Holdings, pre-packaged Chapter 11 sale of “Denizen” properties to Atlas Capital Group.
Winners Circle: Meridian Capital Group real estate advisor on the sale, also, Olshan Frome Wolosky LLP, legal advisor to the buyers.

SPECIAL SITUATION M&A DEAL of the YEAR ● LARGE
WINNER: NPC International sale of separate franchise business consisting of 950 Pizza Hut, 200 Wendy’s locations to Flynn Restaurant Group and Wendy’s International.
Winners Circle: Greenhill & Co advisor to NPC International, A&G Realty Partner real estate advisor to the company, and Kelley Drye & Warren LLP, legal counsel to the unsecure creditors committee.

CHAPTER 11 Reorganization Award Winners:

SMALL MARKETS Segments

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● MICRO-SMALL CAP
WINNER: Beamable restructuring under Chapter 11 Plan Small Business Subchapter V.
Winners Circle: Capstone Partners to the company.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● SMALL MARKETS
WINNER: Avadim Health and takeover by Hayfin Capital Management.
Winners Circle: Carl Marks Advisors as restructuring advisor, and SSG Capital Advisors to Avadim Health.

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CHAPTER 11
Reorganization
Award Winners:

MIDDLE MARKETS Segments

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • SMALL MID MARKETS
WINNER-NOMINEE: Alex & Ani reorg.
Winners Circle: Portage Point Partners as restructuring advisor, and Katten Muchin Rosenman to the company, also. Cole Schotz PC to creditor-side.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MIDDLE-MARKETS
WINNER: Alpha Media Holdings pre-arranged Chapter 11 restructuring.
Winners Circle: EY Turnaround Management Services as restructuring advisor, and Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP legal counsel to Alpha Media, Proskauer Rose LLP to lenders, also, Miller Buckfire to unsecured creditor

LARGE Segments

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • LARGE
Winners Circle: Province, Greenberg Traurig LLP counsel to unsecured creditors, Brown Rudnick LLP advised equity, Mayer Brown as counsel to DIP agents, Olshan Frame Wolosky LLP counsel to preferred shareholders, also, Miller Buckfire / Stifel to preferred shareholders, Haynes and Boone LLP local counsel.

CHAPTER 11 RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR • MEGA (Value range above $5 billion.)
WINNER: Frontier Communications reorg.
Winners Circle: FTI Consulting as restructuring advisor to Frontier, also, Reed Smith LLP advisor to unsecured notes Indenture Trustee, Katten Muchin Rosenman to BOKF.

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TRANSACTION AWARDS

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INDUSTRY MID-MARKETS

Award Winners:

CONSUMER GOODS RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR
WINNER: Basic Fun! Liability Management and Recapitalization.
Winners Circle: Oppenheimer & Co to the company and Polsinelli PC as legal advisor.

CONSUMER RETAIL RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR
WINNER: Le Tote and Lord & Taylor Chapter 11 restructuring.
Winners Circle: Cooley LLP as legal advisor to unsecured creditors, Katten Muchin Roseman LLP to Board of Directors, also, Armstrong & Teasdale LLP and Robinson + Cole LLP as advisors to Saadia Group on acquisition.

FOOD & BEVERAGE RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR
WINNER: Tribe 9 Foods acquires assets of Carla’s Pasta Chapter 11 to Tribe 9 Foods.
Winners Circle: Robinson + Cole LLP as legal advisor to Tribe 9 Foods.

HEALTHCARE CARE RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR
WINNER-NOMINEE: Buckingham Senior Living Community pre-negotiated Chapter 11 restructuring.
Winners Circle: B. Riley Advisory Services as restructuring advisor, and RBC Capital Markets to advisor to creditor, also, Haynes and Boone LLP, legal advisor to UMB Bank.

FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR ● MID-MARKETS
WINNER: Buckle acquires and recapitalizes Gateway Insurance Company from Illinois receivership.
Winners Circle: Greenberg Traurig LLP.

ENERGY & INDUSTRIALS RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR
WINNER: Limetree Bay Services Chapter 11 sale of refinery to West Indies Petroleum, along with Port Hamilton Refining and Transportation.
Winners Circle: B. Riley Advisory Services as restructuring advisor, and Baker Hostetler LLP, as legal counsel to the company, also, Foley & Lardner, LLP as counsel to DIP lenders.

TMT RESTRUCTURING of the YEAR
WINNER: Morae Global Corporation liability management and recapitalization by BlackRock.
Winners Circle: Oppenheimer & Co, also, Haynes and Boone LLP, capital markets legal advisor.

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