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## **40 UNDER 40 CENTRAL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED** **RECIPIENTS TO BE RECOGNIZED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS GALA ON June 7 in CHICAGO**

**NEW YORK, April 16, 2012,** —[The M&A Advisor](#) today announced the winners and finalists of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual 40 UNDER 40 M&A Advisor Recognition Awards – Central Region. The following states are included in the Central Region: AL, AR, DC, DE, FL, GA, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, OH, PA, SC, TN, VA, WI, and WV.

The M&A Advisor, renowned globally for its recognition and presentation of leading M&A, financing and turnaround professionals, created this recognition awards program to promote mentorship and professional development amongst the emerging business leaders.

The 2012 40 UNDER 40 Award Winners and Finalists have been chosen for their accomplishments and expertise from a pool of prominent nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders. The 2012 Judges included: Jim Lawson, CEO, Lincoln International; John Ferrara, President/Managing Partner, Capstone Partners; Claire Irving, President, Cranston Capital; Teresa Kohl, Director, Business Development, SSG Capital Advisors, LLC; Ken Marlin, Managing Partner, Marlin & Associates; Tanya Marvin-Horowitz, Managing Director, Focus Acquisitions Partners; Joseph O'Donnell, Vice President, Investigative Management Group; Patrick O'Keefe, Founder and Managing Member, O'Keefe and Associates; Martin Okner, President & CEO, S. H. Martin and Company, Inc.; Sean Ozbolt, Managing Director, Bayside Capital; and Malik Sharojit, Managing Director & Founder, Access International LLC.

“In 2010 we initiated the 40 UNDER 40 Awards to recognize the emerging leaders of the M&A, Financing and Turnaround industries” reports Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. “While the selection process presents quite a challenge to our judging committee, it is truly a privilege to announce the 40 winners and 20 finalists from such an accomplished group of candidates.”

On Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, The M&A Advisor will host a black tie Awards Gala in CHICAGO to introduce the 40 UNDER 40 Award Winners and Finalists to the business community and celebrate their achievements.

**A complete list of the 2012 40 Under 40 – Central Award Winners and Finalists is to follow.**

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## Winners of the 2012 40 UNDER 40 – Central M&A Advisor Recognition Awards

(Note that the Winners are listed in alphabetical order)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Title</b>
Carlin Adrianopoli	FTI Consulting	Senior Managing Director
Charles Aquino	Western Reserve Partners LLC	Director
Adam August	Holland & Knight LLP	Partner
William Bloom	Chartwell Capital Solutions	Principal, Co-Head of Capital Markets
Kevin Brophy	Meidlinger Partners	Managing Principal
David Brown	Latham & Watkins	Partner
Marc Carmel	Paul Hastings LLC	Of Counsel
Daniel Connolly	William Blair & Company	Managing Director, IT Services & Software
Joseph Culley	Janney Montgomery Scott	Managing Director-Head of Infrastructure Group
Kevin DeSanto	KippsDeSanto & Co.	Managing Director
John Dimovski	O'Keefe & Associates	Director
James Dougherty	Jones Day	Partner
Amy Edgy Ferber	Jones Day	Partner
Jeremy Ellis	Genesis Capital, LLC	Managing Director
Michael Fixler	Variant Capital Advisors LLC	Managing Director
Courtney Fletcher	Mesirow Financial Consulting, LLC	Managing Director
Aaron Gillum	MorrisAnderson	Director
Cameron Hamilton	The McLean Group, LLC	Principal
Inchan Hwang	Gray Plant Mooty	Principal
Jay Jacquin	Morgan Joseph Triartisan LLC	Director
Robert Jansen	Bridgewood Advisors Inc.	Co-Founder & Managing Director
Sunny Khorana	Fifth Street Finance Corp.	Partner
Joseph Kinslow	McGladrey LLP	Partner
Derek Ladgenski	Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP	Capital Partner
Jeff Larsen	Larsen MacColl Partners, L.P.	Managing Partner
Mike Loehrke	Golub Capital	Co-Head and Portfolio Manager
Brandon Lower	William Blair & Company	Managing Director, Head of Financial Sponsors

Danielle Machata	Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.	Shareholder
Helen Mantel	Baker & McKenzie LLP	Partner
Mark McCammon	Strength Capital Partners	Managing Partner
Thomas Mills	FocalPoint Partners LLC	Managing Director
Matthew Murphy	DLA Piper	Partner
Navin Nagrani	Hilco Real Estate, LLC	Senior Vice President
Rocky Pontikes	Mesirow Financial	Managing Director
James Porter	Grant Thornton LLP	Principal, Corporate Advisory & Restructuring Services
Matthew Ray	Victory Park Capital	Partner and Co-founder
Reid Snellenbarger	Houlihan Lokey	Managing Director
Martin Stein	Blackford Capital	Founder and Managing Director
Eric Sweitzer	Development Specialists, Inc.	Vice President
Gordie Vap	BlackArch Partners	Director

## **Finalists of the 2012 40 UNDER 40 – Central M&A Advisor Recognition Awards**

**(Note that the Finalists are listed in alphabetical order)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Title</b>
Larry Aschebrook	Gentry Financial Corporation	CEO
Neil Borg	Ziegler	Managing Director
Will Cooper	BlackArch Partners	Director
Heather Dean	Hughes Pittman & Gupton, LLP	Partner
Michael F. DeFranco	Baker & McKenzie LLP	Partner
Ian Hartman	Dechert LLP	Partner
John Higgins	Huron Capital Partners	Partner
Stephen Leitzell	Dechert LLP	Partner
Michael Locker	TM Capital	Managing Director
Kate Lynch	Patriot Financial partners	Principal/Director of Investments
Matthew Mazzucchi	Houlihan Lokey	Managing Director
Ki Mixon	Resilience Capital Partners	Partner
Philip Pizzurro	Generational Capital Markets, LLC.	Vice President, Mergers & Acquisitions

Jay Sakalo	Bilzin Sumberg	Partner
Mark Shaver	Johns Hopkins Medicine	Senior Director of Business Development & Strategic Alliances
Anu Singh	Kaufman Hall & Associates	Senior Vice President
Matthew Steele	Mesirow Financial Consulting, LLC	Managing Director
Ryan Thomas	Bass, Berry & Sims PLC	Member in Corporate and Securities Group
Phillip D. Torrence	Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP	Partner, Chair of Financial Institutions Practice Group, Office Managing Partner
Jason Woodard	Burr and Forman	Partner

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