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The M&A Advisor announced the finalists of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual M&A Advisor Awards. Three transactions led by Habeeb 'Hobbs' Gnaim, practice chair of Chamberlain Hrdlicka's Tax Planning & Business Transactions group, were named a finalist in six categories, including:

- Professional Services Deal of the Year (Between \$50 million - \$100 million) - Acquisition of EYP by Page Southerland Page;
- Restructuring Deal of the Year (under \$100 million) - Acquisition of EYP by Page Southerland Page;
- Materials Deal of the Year - Acquisition of Monarch Silica, LLC by ProFrac Holdings II, LLC;
- Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year - Acquisition of Monarch Silica, LLC by ProFrac Holdings II, LLC;
- Industrials Deal of the Year (Between \$10 million - \$25 million) - Acquisition of C&D Scrap Metal Recyclers Co., Inc. by Company of Merchants;
- Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year - Acquisition of C&D Scrap Metal Recyclers Co., Inc. by Company of Merchants.

Chamberlain Hrdlicka was also named a finalist in the Law Firm of the Year category. Being named finalist in seven categories marks another accomplishment for Gnaim, whose transactions were recognized earlier this year at the Annual M&A Atlas Awards and the ACG Houston Deal of the Year Award Gala.

Representing more than 400 participating companies, M&A Advisor Awards finalists will be judged by an independent panel of industry experts. The awards will be presented, and winners revealed at a Black-Tie Awards Gala during the 2023 Future of Dealmaking Summit on November 14-15, 2023 in New York City, featuring more than 350 of the industry's leading professionals participating in exclusive interactive forums, sessions, roundtable discussions, one-on-one meetings, and a solutions provider showcase led by a faculty of M&A industry stalwarts and business media experts. For a complete list of finalists [click here](#).

"Placing as a finalist in an impressive seven categories of the M&A Advisor Awards highlights Chamberlain Hrdlicka's expertise in navigating complex transactions and the ability to consistently deliver value and success for our clients," said Larry Campagna, Chamberlain Hrdlicka's managing shareholder.

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“For nearly 25 years, The M&A Advisor has been honoring the leading M&A transactions, companies and dealmakers. Chamberlain Hrdlicka was chosen from hundreds of participating companies to become an awards finalist. It gives us great pleasure to recognize Chamberlain Hrdlicka, including as finalists for mergers and acquisitions firms and professionals,” said Roger Aguinaldo, Founder and CEO of The M&A Advisor. “Chamberlain Hrdlicka represents the best of the M&A industry in 2022-23 and earned these finalist honors by standing out in a group of very impressive candidates.”

In the Page/EYP transaction, named finalist in the Professional Services Deal of the Year and Restructuring Deal of the Year categories, Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s Houston-based team, led by Gnaim, and Jarrod Martin represented Page Southerland Page, a multidisciplinary design, architecture, and engineering firm with international presence, in its acquisition of EYP, an interdisciplinary design firm specializing in higher education, government, healthcare, and science & technology. Martin, a shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka who leads the firm’s Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditor Rights group while maintaining a robust litigation practice in both federal and state courts, played a leading role in the transaction.

In the Monarch Silica/ProFrac transaction, named finalist in the Materials Deal of the Year and Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year categories, Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s Houston-based team, led by Gnaim, represented Monarch Silica in its \$175 million sale to ProFrac Holding Corp. (NASDAQ: ACDC). The acquisition provided ProFrac access to high-quality, local proppant in the Eagle Ford, where the company currently operates eight active fleets. Umair Karowadia (tax planning/business transactions), Jack Najarian (real estate), David Pierson (corporate) and Christopher Hydrick (tax planning/business transactions), assisted with the transaction.

In the Company of Merchants/C&D Scrap Metal transaction, recognized in the Industrials Deal of the Year and the Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year categories, Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s Houston-based team, led by Gnaim, represented Merchants Metals Recycling II CD, LLC in its acquisition of C&D Scrap Metal Recyclers Co., Inc. Michael Overstreet (tax planning/business transactions), Umair Karowadia (tax planning/business transactions), Matthew Stirneman (banking/finance), Jack Najarian (real estate), and Aly Dossa (Intellectual Property) assisted with the transaction.

Gnaim, shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, serves as the head of the Tax Planning & Business Transactions group. He focuses his practice on tax and corporate matters and has significant experience in all aspects of structuring, negotiating and implementing business acquisitions and dispositions, corporate reorganizations, mergers, conversions, recapitalizations, deferred recognition transactions, admissions of and providing equity incentives for management and key employees, as well as choice of entity considerations, and state tax planning.

### About Chamberlain Hrdlicka

Chamberlain Hrdlicka is a diversified business law firm with offices in Atlanta, Houston, Philadelphia, and San Antonio. The firm represents both public and private companies, as well as individuals and family-owned businesses across the nation. The firm offers counsel in appellate law, bankruptcy, commercial and probate litigation, construction law, corporate, employee benefits, energy and maritime law, ERISA, estate planning and administration, intellectual property, international and immigration law, labor and employment, privacy and data security, real estate, securities and finance, tax controversy and tax planning.

### About The M&A Advisor

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Now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year, The M&A Advisor was founded to offer insights and intelligence on mergers and acquisitions, establishing the industry's leading media outlet in 1998. Today, the firm is recognized as the world's premier leadership organization for mergers & acquisition, restructuring and corporate finance professionals, delivering a range of integrated services, including the most active online community of M&A professionals called M&A Connects. [www.maadvisor.com](http://www.maadvisor.com).

