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The M&A Advisor announced the winners of its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual M&A Advisor Awards at a gala held at The New York Athletic Club in New York City on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, including two winning transactions led by Habeeb ‘Hobbs’ Gnaim, chair of Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s Tax Planning & Business Transactions practice.

The acquisition of C&D Scrap Metal Recyclers Co., Inc. by Company of Merchants, won the Industrials Deal of the Year. The transaction was also a finalist in the Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year category. Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s Houston-based team, led by Gnaim, represented Merchants Metals Recycling II CD in the transaction. 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.

Furthermore, the acquisition of EYP by Page Southerland Page won the Professional Services Deal of the Year. The transaction was also a finalist in Restructuring Deal of the Year category. Chamberlain Hrdlicka’s shareholders, Gnaim and Jarrod Martin, represented Page Southerland Page in the transaction. Martin, who leads the firm’s Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditor Rights group, played a leading role in the transaction.

Another transaction led by Gnaim - the acquisition of Monarch Silica, LLC by ProFrac Holdings II, LLC – was named a finalist in the Materials Deal of the Year and the Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year categories. Chamberlain Hrdlicka represented Monarch Silica in the transaction. Umair Karowadia (tax planning/business transactions), Jack Najarian (real estate), David Pierson (corporate) and Christopher Hydrick (tax planning/business transactions), assisted with the transaction.

Finally, Chamberlain Hrdlicka was named a finalist in the Law Firm of the Year category.

“The award recipients represent the best in the mergers and acquisitions industry this past year and earned these honors by standing out in a group of extremely impressive finalists,” said Roger Aguinaldo, Founder and CEO of The M&A Advisor. “Ranging from large multi-billion dollar deals to lower middle market deals, we are recognizing the leading transactions, firms, and individuals that represent the highest levels of

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accomplishment.”

Representing more than 400 participating companies, M&A Advisor Awards finalists were judged by an independent panel of industry experts. Held as part of the 2023 Future of Dealmaking Summit, the 22nd Annual M&A Advisor Awards and the 14th Annual Emerging Leaders Awards Gala honored the professionals whose activities set the standard for M&A transactions. View the full list of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual M&A Advisor Awards winners [here](#).

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. Known for doing a high volume of transactions year to year, Gnaim has built a reputation as a go-to tax and corporate counsel for middle-market transactions. Earlier this year, Gnaim’s deals garnered recognition from other organizations, including the Association for Corporate Growth (Houston), winning the Deal of the Year Award in the Industrial Services – Corporate Strategic Acquisition category and Global M&A Network, winning Deal of the Year Award - Distressed M&A Deal, Mid-market category.

