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**PATRICK M. O'KEEFE TO RECEIVE A
2018 M&A ADVISOR LEADERSHIP AWARD**

New York, December 11, 2017 – The M&A Advisor is proud to announce that Patrick M. O'Keefe, is the recipient of the 2018 M&A Advisor Leadership Award. Mr. O'Keefe is to be honored for his contribution to the bankruptcy and restructuring industry at the 12th Annual Turnaround Awards Gala on Wednesday March 21, 2018 at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach, FL.

Mr. O'Keefe, Founder and CEO of O'Keefe, has been active as a financial consultant and turnaround advisor to under-performing businesses for over 30 years in various industries including, retail, construction, automotive, manufacturing, agriculture, and real estate, and has successfully completed assignments in out-of-court and Chapter 11 restructurings. He is an advisor to financial institutions in complex workouts and asset recovery strategies.

He is currently a receiver appointed by the Securities and Exchange Commission over a large portfolio of real estate assets in Flint, Michigan. Mr. O'Keefe is also the CEO of Glycadia, a diabetes research company and CEO of Grow Michigan, Inc., a junior lien lender supported by the State of Michigan and nineteen financial institutions to lend money to growing businesses. Prior to forming O'Keefe, Mr. O'Keefe was a former partner at Deloitte & Touche where he was in charge of the Detroit offices' Middle Market department.

Mr. O'Keefe is a member of the Turnaround Management Association (TMA), American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI), American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA), and National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts (NACVA).

"We are honored to present Mr. O'Keefe with the 2018 M&A Advisor Leadership Award," stated David Fergusson, President and Co-CEO of The M&A Advisor. "In addition to the important role that Mr. O'Keefe has played through his dedicated service to the operators and investors of underperforming businesses, he has been an exemplary contributor to the associations, organizations and educational institutions for the advancement of our industry."

Mr. O'Keefe currently serves as President for the Detroit Athletic Club and is a past President of the Detroit Chapter of the TMA. He is a frequent guest lecturer and writer and engages regularly with major media outlets on automotive, real estate and retail industries.

He has received the Outstanding Individual Contribution Award by the TMA, the Cleary Business Medal of Honor as an outstanding businessman, and the Small Business Administration's Financial Services Champion of the Year Award presented by former Governor Jennifer Granholm.

With the presentation of The 2018 M&A Advisor Leadership Award, Mr. O'Keefe joins a notable and exclusive community of industry leaders who have preceded him, including Wilbur L. Ross, Jack Butler, Robert "Steve" Miller, Harvey R. Miller, Timothy Coleman, William Repko, Corinne Ball, Barry Ridings, Tom Lauria, Van Conway and Sheila Smith.

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