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CLEARY GULL NAMED FINALIST FOR M&A ADVISOR AWARDS *Named in Eight Categories Including Investment Bank of the Year*



Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 30, 2014 – Cleary Gull is pleased to announce that the firm has been named a finalist in the 13th Annual M&A Advisor Awards.

For the second time in three years, Cleary Gull has been nominated for Investment Bank or Boutique Investment Bank of the Year. In addition, five Cleary Gull transactions are finalists for seven awards.

Cleary Gull M&A Advisor Award Nomination Categories include:

- **Investment Bank of the Year**
- M&A Deal of the Year (Between \$25mm and \$50mm)
- M&A Deal of the Year (Between \$10mm and \$25mm)
- Restructuring Deal of the Year (Between \$10mm and \$100mm)
- Retail Manufacturing/Distribution Deal of the Year (two nominations)
- Consumer Services Deal of the Year
- Consumer and Retail Products Deal of the Year

The awards will be announced at the 13th Annual M&A Advisor Awards Gala on November 17th at the New York City Athletic Club in New York, New York.

“It is an honor to be recognized as a finalist by M&A Advisor,” said Ronald Miller, Managing Director, Cleary Gull. “We are pleased by the depth and breadth of the categories in which we were nominated this year. We think it reflects our focus on the unique needs of each client and the quality of our transactions.”

“What is particularly special about this year’s awards is that the transactions honored involve a variety of industries, a range of transaction sizes, and nearly all of our team members,” added John Peterson, Managing Director, Cleary Gull.”

“Since the inception of the M&A Advisor Awards in 2002, we have been recognizing the leading dealmakers, firms and transactions. And each year we celebrate the creativity, perseverance and ingenuity of our industry’s professionals” says David Fergusson, President of The M&A Advisor. “While our industry has undergone significant transformation since our first awards



were presented 12 years ago, we are convinced, more than ever before, that M&A is a driving force of the economy. It is truly an honor for our firm to be able to recognize the contribution that the 2014 award finalists have made.”

About Cleary Gull

Cleary Gull (www.clearygull.com) is an employee-owned firm headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin providing specialized financial services through two operating divisions: Investment Advisory and Investment Banking. Cleary Gull was named by Financial Times to their list of 2014 300 top registered investment advisors in the U.S. Cleary Gull has combined assets under management of \$2.5 billion as of December 31, 2013 and focuses on high net worth individuals, pilots, and not-for-profit hospitals and senior living communities across the nation. Cleary Gull’s investment bankers specialize in providing exclusive advice on sales, mergers, acquisitions, private debt and equity capital placement, typically for transactions from \$10 million to \$200 million.

About the 2014 *Financial Times* 300 Top Registered Investment Advisors List

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