



November 5, 2012 – Cleary Gull Inc. Named Finalist for 12 M&A Advisor Awards, Including Boutique Investment Bank of the Year



Cleary Gull Inc. is pleased to announce that the firm and one of its senior bankers have been named as finalists in the 11th Annual M&A Advisor Awards. Notably, Cleary Gull is a finalist for “Boutique Investment Bank of the Year”, one of the top awards for the evening, and Cleary Gull Managing Director, Ronald Miller is nominated for “M&A Dealmaker of the Year”.

In addition, Cleary Gull’s transactions were nominated for 10 awards.

Sale of Royal Purple Inc. to Calumet Specialty Products LP

- 1) M&A Deal of the Year (Between \$250mm and \$500mm)
- 2) Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Between \$200mm and \$500mm)
- 3) Energy Deal of the Year
- 4) Industrial Goods and Basic Resources Deal of the Year (Over \$100mm)
- 5) Consumer and Retail Products Deal of the Year (Between \$100mm and \$500mm)

Sale of Dorner Mfg. Corp. to Incline Equity Partners

- 6) M&A Deal of the Year (Between \$50mm and \$100mm)
- 7) Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (Between \$50mm and \$100mm)

Sale of The Freeman Company to JLL Partners

- 8) M&A Deal of the Year (Between \$10mm and \$25mm)
- 9) Industrial Manufacturing/Distribution (Between \$10mm and \$50mm)

Sale of PMT Industries, LLC to Walker Forge, Inc.

- 10) Corporate/Strategic Acquisition of the Year (Between \$10mm and \$100mm)

The 11th Annual M&A Advisor Awards will be announced at the 11th Annual M&A Advisor Awards Gala on December 11th at the New York City Athletic Club in New York, New York.



“While this has certainly been another tumultuous year in both the international and domestic M&A markets, we are very encouraged by the persistence of the leading dealmakers and the volume of creative transactions that have been engineered by M&A professionals on all continents,” says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO and Founder of The M&A Advisor. For their achievements, Cleary Gull Inc. is to be commended. “We remain convinced that the middle market M&A companies such as Cleary Gull will continue to be the driving force of the economy and that our industry’s talented men and women deserve to be recognized for their contributions.”

“We are honored by The M&A Advisor’s recognition of Cleary Gull. We work extremely hard to provide our clients with the best possible advice,” said John Peterson, Managing Director, Cleary Gull Inc. “What is very special about this recognition is that the transactions honored involve a variety of industries, a range of transaction sizes, and nearly all of our team members.”

Cleary Gull (www.clearygull.com) is an employee-owned firm providing specialized financial services through two operating divisions: Investment Banking and Investment Management Services. Cleary Gull’s investment bankers help clients achieve their financial and business goals by advising on exclusive sales, mergers and acquisitions, raising private debt and equity capital, and other transactions. Cleary Gull’s core ideology and mantra is “*A Firm Belief in the Entrepreneurial Spirit.*”