

## PAUL STEVEN SINGERMAN NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE 2019 M&A ADVISOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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The M&A Advisor today announced that Paul Steven Singerman is the recipient of the 2019 M&A Advisor Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. Singerman is to be honored for his significant contribution to the bankruptcy and restructuring industry at the 13th Annual Turnaround Awards Gala on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at The Colony Hotel in Palm Beach, FL.

Mr. Singerman is the Co-Chair of Berger Singerman LLP, and he leads the firm's Business Reorganization Team. For decades, Mr. Singerman has been nationally known for handling complex restructuring, insolvency and bankruptcy cases, including loan workouts and cross-border matters. Best known for his representation of debtors in corporate reorganization cases and high-stakes litigation, he also represents creditors' committees, lenders, large unsecured creditors, and asset purchasers in § 363 sales and trustees. He also has substantial experience in large fraud cases and "bet the company" litigation cases.

During the past decade, Mr. Singerman's major cases have included serving as counsel to Judge Herbert Stettin as the court-appointed Chapter 11 Trustee in the \$1.2 billion Ponzi scheme perpetrated by the law firm of Rothstein, Rosenfeldt & Adler, P.A. Mr. Singerman also represented the Creditors' Committee in the Taylor, Bean & Whitaker case, one of the largest bankruptcy cases in Florida history, with in excess of \$11 billion in claims when the case was filed in 2009. He and Berger Singerman's Business Reorganization Team have also served as debtor's counsel to Simply Fashion Stores, Ltd., HearUSA, Inc., Aloha Airlines, and Levitt and Sons. Recently, Mr. Singerman led the representation of a large health care supply chain company in an out-of-court restructuring and recapitalization, as well as the successful reorganization of Le Centre on Fourth, an historic and architecturally-restored, mixed-use commercial property and hotel located in Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Singerman and the Berger Singerman Business Reorganization Team have also routinely served as Florida co-counsel to national law firms in numerous Chapter 11 cases, including TOUSA, Inc., Atlas Air and Polar Air Cargo.

"We are excited to present Paul Steven Singerman with the 2019 M&A Advisor Lifetime Achievement Award," said Roger Aguinaldo, Founder of The M&A Advisor. "We've been presenting Lifetime Achievement Awards to Distressed Investing, Turnaround, and M&A professionals for nearly 20 years. Paul's career is the very definition of lifetime achievement. He approaches every endeavor, whether professional or personal, with creative passion, integrity, and humility. He is known widely for his courtroom advocacy, superb ability to collaborate and help craft innovative solutions in negotiations, and commitment to mentoring colleagues to unlock their potential; three traits which have resulted in a remarkable, decades-long, record of success for the business reorganization clients of Berger Singerman."

Mr. Singerman was elected a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy in 2003 and was invited to join the

American Law Institute in 2001. He is ranked in Chambers & Partners USA, America's Leading Business Lawyers in Bankruptcy/Restructuring (2003-2018) and has been recognized as a "Star Individual," Chambers' highest ranking, for the past eight consecutive years. Mr. Singerman is also one of only two lawyers in the state of Florida to be ranked nationwide for Bankruptcy/Restructuring and is ranked globally in Bankruptcy in Chambers & Partners Global, The World's Leading Lawyers for Business (2013-2018). Mr. Singerman has been recognized as amongst the top ten lawyers in Florida by Florida Super Lawyers in 2010, 2012, 2014, and was ranked the number one lawyer in Florida for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. In 2018, Mr. Singerman was selected by The Best Lawyers in America® as one of "Best Lawyers," Litigation (Bankruptcy) Lawyer of the Year (Miami).

With the presentation of the 2019 M&A Advisor Lifetime Achievement Award, Mr. Singerman joins a notable and exclusive community of industry leaders who have preceded him as lifetime and leadership award winners, including Wilbur L. Ross, Jack Butler, Ceasar Anquillare, Robert "Steve" Miller, Peter Kaufman, Harvey R. Miller, J. Scott Victor, Timothy Coleman, Corinne Ball, Barry Ridings, Tom Lauria, Van Conway, Sheila Smith, Samuel J. Gerdano, James H.M. Sprayregen, Keith Maib, John Bolduc, and Patrick O'Keefe.

## **Related Practice Teams**

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Business Reorganization

## **Related Team Member(s)**

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