



Arizona Business Magazine Announces Winners of Inaugural Centers of Influence Awards

Phoenix, October 3, 2008 – Arizona Business Magazine has presented its first Centers of Influence Awards to honor the state's most influential accountants, bankers and lawyers. Together, these professionals help shape, guide and consult businesses of all sizes and industries throughout Arizona.

The awards reception was held Oct. 2, at the Ritz-Carlton Phoenix. More than 330 of the state's most prominent accountants, bankers and lawyers were in attendance to honor their peers. The October issue of *Arizona Business Magazine* features an editorial report highlighting all of the winners. The Centers of Influence Awards were sponsored by Alliance Bank of Arizona, Ernst & Young, Squire Sanders & Dempsey and Camelback Volkswagen.

All of the following winners have demonstrated an extraordinary influence within their companies, their industry, their business clients and the community they serve.

Accountants

Tony Astorga — senior vice president and CFO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona

Bruce Beach — managing shareholder, Beach, Fleischman & Co.

Ronald Butler — Arizona managing partner, Ernst & Young

Diane Costantino — office managing partner of the Arizona practice, PricewaterhouseCoopers

Jay Lohman — president, Lohman Company

Edward O'Brien — office managing partner Desert Cluster, Grant Thornton

Ed Rodriguez — managing partner, KPMG

Carleen Shilling, partner, Eide Bailly

John Sizer — partner-in-charge of assurance and advisory services, Deloitte & Touche

Gary Smith — partner, McGladrey & Pullen

Bankers

Norman Butler — senior vice president, Bank of America

John Byrd — senior credit officer, Biltmore Bank of Arizona

Guy Downing — managing director, Columbia West Capital

Orville “Chip” E. Fisher — managing director, Greene Holcomb & Fisher

Gary Hickel — president, Paradise Valley Bank (proposed)

Hope B. Levin — president Arizona market, U.S. Bank

Jeffrey D. Lowe — president Arizona banking, MidFirst Bank

Bob McGee — president and CEO, Southwestern Business Financing Corporation

Candace Wiest — president and CEO, West Valley National Bank

Ed Zito — executive vice president commercial/corporate banking, Alliance Bank of Arizona

Lawyers

Timothy Berg — managing partner, Fennemore Craig

David Birk — senior vice president and general counsel, Avnet

John Bouma — chairman, Snell & Wilmer

Tom Curzon — partner, Osborn Maledon

Janet Dhillon — senior vice president and general counsel, US Airways

Karen Dickinson — partner, Quarles & Brady

Mark Dioguardi — partner, Dioguardi Flynn

Robert Matia — managing partner, Squire Sanders & Dempsey

Julie Pace — partner, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll

Quinn Williams — shareholder, Greenberg Traurig

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