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**MICHAEL A. BRANDESS ANNOUNCED AS WINNER OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
EMERGING LEADERS AWARDS**

Chicago, IL, June 29, 2017 - *The M&A Advisor* announced the winners of the Emerging Leaders Awards on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

The M&A Advisor, renowned globally for its recognition of leading M&A, financing and turnaround professionals, created this event to promote mentorship and professional development amongst the emerging business leaders.

Michael A. Brandess has been chosen for his accomplishments and expertise from a pool of nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders.

“The Annual M&A Advisor Emerging Leaders Awards was born as the 40 Under 40 Awards in the United States in 2010 to recognize and celebrate the achievements of young M&A, Financing and Turnaround professionals who had reached a significant level of success and made a notable contribution to their industry and community. With the expansion of the Emerging Leaders program to the United Kingdom, and Europe in 2016, the 2017 US award winners join a truly global network of outstanding young professionals,” said David Fergusson, President and Co-CEO of The M&A Advisor.

On Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, The M&A Advisor will host a black tie Awards Gala at the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan to introduce the Emerging Leaders Award Winners to the business community and celebrate their achievements.

To view the complete list of this year Emerging Leaders Award Winners [CLICK HERE](#).

Michael is a partner in the Chicago office of Sugar Felsenthal Grais & Hammer LLP. He has led complex restructurings and liquidations across the country, in industries ranging from energy, real estate, construction, agriculture, retail, financial services, telecommunications and restaurant franchises. Michael consistently represents asset purchasers and sellers in complex transactions, creditors' committees in difficult reorganizations and trustees during the wind-down of multi-million dollar bankruptcy estates. Michael is an emerging thought leader in modern business law, publishing cover stories in the American Bankruptcy Institute and ABF Journals and speaking on numerous panels on a variety of matters including the ins and outs of business startups.

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