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April 30, 2024

The Association for Corporate Growth (ACG) announced the winners of its 7th Annual ACG Deal of the Year Awards during an award ceremony held at the Houston Country Club on April 24, 2024. Two deals led by Habeeb "Hobbs" Gnaim, chair of Chamberlain Hrdlickas Tax Planning & Business Transactions Group, won the following Deal of the Year Awards:

- Manufacturing Deal of the Year, for representing Pinnacle Plastics with its new portfolio investment from Main Street Capital. Other key members of the team included Umair Karowadia, Marianne Standley, Jack Najarian, Matt Stirneman, Greg Henson, Aly Dossa, Kellen Scott, Will Cowan, and Jeff Della Rocco.
- Products & Services Deal of the Year, for representing Landmark Industries in its sale of 64 fuel & convenience retail sites (operating as Timewise) to Spring Partners Retail LLC, a joint venture between ExxonMobil Corp. and Global Partners LP. Other key members of the team were David Pierson, Larry Carbo, James Berry, Julie Offerman, Elizabeth Feeney, and John Fields.

Overall, Gnaim had six different client transactions that were nominated in various categories, including Houston-Based Private Equity Deal of the Year.

Gnaim, shareholder at Chamberlain Hrdlicka, serves as the head of the Tax Planning & Business Transactions group. He focuses his practice on tax and corporate matters and has significant experience in all aspects of structuring, negotiating, and implementing business acquisitions and dispositions, corporate reorganizations, mergers, conversions, recapitalizations, deferred recognition transactions, admissions of and providing equity incentives for management and key employees, as well as choice of entity considerations, and state tax planning. Known for a high volume of transactions year to year, Gnaim has built a reputation as a go-to tax and corporate counsel for middle-market transactions. Recently, several Gnaims deals have garnered recognition from industry organizations, including Global M&A Network, with the 2023 Deal of the Year Award - Distressed M&A Deal, Mid-market category; as well as 2023 The M&A Advisor Awards, where two of Gnaims deals won Deal of the Year.

Chamberlain Hrdlickas Tax Planning & Business Transactions practice helps clients understand the byzantine world of tax law and utilizes that highly specialized tax knowledge to clients best advantage when doing business transactions. The practice advises clients with transactions in order to maximize tax benefits - and avoid tax disasters. Whether the transactions are related to a business or involves a personal

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investment, the Tax Planning & Business Transactions team can help structure and carry out transactions in order to achieve the best corporate results under federal, state, local and international tax laws.

### About ACG

ACG Houston is the regions premier association focused on middle market corporate growth. The associations goal is to help business professionals in the M&A community do more business with the right partners. ACG Houston hosts a variety of events throughout the year to provide our local business leaders an opportunity to gain visibility and connect with people and ideas to strategically grow companies.

