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## Washington SmartCEO Announces the 2014 Power Players Awards Finalists

*45 accountants, attorneys and bankers in DC to be recognized in  
SmartCEO's Power Players Awards*

Washington, DC (June 26, 2014) — Washington SmartCEO is pleased to announce the 2014 Power Players Awards finalists. These individuals represent the best and brightest in the region — the impact players that any CEO can count on to help them grow their business. This year's finalists will be profiled in the September/October issue of *SmartCEO* magazine and celebrated at an awards ceremony on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at The Westin Washington, DC City Center, where the winners will be announced live. Awards will be presented to accountants, attorneys and bankers that have made an outstanding impact on their clients' businesses.

*Please see below for a complete list of finalists and for program details. To share in the excitement leading up to the event, follow us @SmartCEO #PowerPlayerAwards.*

“Where would businesses be without their trusted advisors? If not for accountants, attorneys, and bankers, many businesses — from start-ups to Fortune 500 companies — would be at a loss. Our Power Players finalists demonstrate expertise in their fields and have gone above and beyond to ensure the success of their clients,” says Jaime Nespor-Zawmon, regional president of SmartCEO Media. “SmartCEO is honored to share their stories of dedication to helping our region's businesses achieve their goals.”

The Power Players Awards program recognizes greater Washington's top accountants, attorneys and bankers for privately held companies. The finalists are recognized in unique categories for their leadership, accomplishments, innovation and success.

### **About SmartCEO**

SmartCEO's mission is to educate and inspire the business community through its award-winning magazine, connections at C-level events and access to valuable online resources. SmartCEO's integrated media platforms reach decision makers in the Baltimore, New York, Philadelphia and Washington, DC, metropolitan areas.





### About the Power Players Awards

The Power Players Awards program honors the region's most enterprising attorneys, bankers and accountants for their leadership, accomplishment, innovation and success. Power Players represent the best and brightest in the region — the impact players that CEOs can count on to help grow their businesses. An independent committee of local business leaders evaluates the applications and chooses the Power Players based on the quality of nominations submitted. The Power Players are profiled in the September/October issue of *SmartCEO* magazine and celebrated at an awards reception in September where the Power Players of the Year are announced live.

### Complete Program Information

2014 Power Players Awards

**Date:** Tuesday, September 16, 2014

**General Reception:** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Westin Washington, DC City Center, 1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20005

**Attire:** Business Cocktail

### 2014 Washington Power Players Award Finalists

**Jeremy P. Bendler,**  
CPA/ABV  
Klausner Bendler +  
Associates, PC  
*Accountant*

**Seth C. Berenzweig**  
Berenzweig Leonard, LLP  
*Attorney*

**Katie Bilek**  
Republic Capital Access  
*Banker*

**Bennett B. Borden**  
Drinker Biddle & Reath  
*Attorney*

**Remonde Brangman, CPA,**  
CRMA  
CBIZ MHM, LLC  
*Accountant*

**Andrew S. Bridge**  
EagleBank  
*Banker*

**Sandy Brooks**  
Offit Kurman, P.A.  
*Attorney*

**William P. Butterfield**  
Hausfeld  
*Attorney*

**Eric Cohen, CPA**  
E. Cohen and Company,  
CPAs  
*Accountant*

**Scott Dondershine, CPA**  
David, Brody &  
Dondershine, LLP  
*Attorney*

**Mark P.S. Edward, CPA,**  
CGMA, FCA  
Hertzbach & Company, P.A.  
*Accountant*

**Jewell Lim Esposito**  
Jackson Lewis P.C.  
*Attorney*

**James C. Fontana**  
Dempsey Fontana, PLLC  
*Attorney*

**A. Ari Ghosal**  
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston,  
LLP  
*Attorney*

**Steven Louis Gremminger**  
Gremminger Law Firm  
*Attorney*



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**POWER  
PLAYERS**  
HONORING TOP ATTORNEYS,  
BANKERS AND ACCOUNTANTS  
AWARDS

**Devon E. Hewitt**  
Protora Law, PLLC  
*Attorney*

**Nate Hoffman**  
Capital One Bank  
*Banker*

**Arthur J. Horne Jr.**  
ShIPLEY & Horne, P.A.  
*Attorney*

**Donald Irwin IV**  
J.P. Morgan Private Bank  
*Banker*

**Brian Israel, CPA**  
Dixon Hughes Goodman  
LLP  
*Accountant*

**Deepak (Dee) Kakar**  
M&T Bank  
*Banker*

**Alexandra "Lexy" Kessler**  
Aronson LLC  
*Accountant*

**Ashish Khosla**  
PNC Financial Services  
Group  
*Banker*

**David B. Killalea**  
Manatt, Phelps & Phillips,  
LLP  
*Attorney*

**James B. Kinsel**  
Protora Law, PLLC  
*Attorney*

**Lawrence P. Kline, CPA**  
CBIZ MHM, LLC  
*Accountant*

**Barbara Murphy Kromer,  
CPA**  
Snyder Cohn, PC  
*Accountant*

**Michael E. Lackey Jr.**  
Mayer Brown LLP  
*Attorney*

**Sylvia J. Lagerquist, CPA**  
Haines and Lagerquist,  
CPAs, LLC  
*Accountant*

**Ted Lauer**  
Access National Bank  
*Banker*

**Joseph C. LeMense**  
United Bank  
*Banker*

**J. Patrick McMahon**  
McMahon, Welch and  
Learned, PLLC  
*Attorney*

**Craig Huseman Metz**  
Nelson Mullins Riley &  
Scarborough LLP  
*Attorney*

**Dave Parikh**  
BusinessWise CPA  
*Accountant*

**W. Andrew Powell, CPA**  
Halt, Buzas & Powell, Ltd.  
*Accountant*

**Timothy M. Ross**  
CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP  
*Accountant*

**Daniel H. Ruttenberg, CPA,  
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SmolenPlevy  
*Attorney*

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**Colleen Gillis Snow**  
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