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Washington SmartCEO Honored Top Accountants, Attorneys and Bankers at the Power Players Awards, Sept. 16

More than 250 business professionals and executives joined SmartCEO in celebrating Greater Washington's Power Players.

Washington, DC (Sept. 17, 2014) — Washington SmartCEO recognized the 2014 Washington Power Players and Power Players of the Year at the 2014 Power Players Awards, which took place on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014 at The Westin Washington, DC City Center. 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.

The Power Players awards honor professionals who embody leadership, accomplishment, innovation and success in their fields. The Power Players were evaluated and chosen by an independent panel of local business leaders, which reviewed each applicant's nomination form and scored them based on their answers to questions pertaining to their industry involvement, community contributions, innovation and leadership.

“The Washington Power Players have played an invaluable role in shaping Greater Washington's business landscape,” says Jaime Nesor, President of SmartCEO Events. “They represent the best of what the region has to offer and are committed to fostering the region's success, now and in the future. We are proud to recognize them for their dedication and passion.”

See below for a complete list of the Power Players and Power Players of the Year. For more information on the Power Players, visit www.smartceo.com to view the digital edition of the September/October 2014 issue.

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.

2014 Washington Power Players Award Finalists and Winners

NOTE: Winners are marked with an asterisk (*).

***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

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
Accountant

Deepak (Dee) Kakar
M&T Bank
Banker

Alexandra "Lexy" Kessler
Aronson LLC
Accountant



SmartCEO's
**POWER
PLAYERS**
HONORING TOP ATTORNEYS,
BANKERS AND ACCOUNTANTS
AWARDS

***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,
LLM**

SmolenPlevy
Attorney

***David A. Smith**

PNC Financial Services
Group
Banker

Jason David Smolen

SmolenPlevy
Attorney

Colleen Gillis Snow

Cooley LLP
Attorney

Clint Thomas, CPA

Cherry Bekaert, LLP
Accountant

***Greta Tosi-Miller, CPA**

Dixon Hughes Goodman
LLP
Accountant

Colleen Kotyk Vossler

Vossler Law PLLC
Attorney

Jonathan Wachs

Offit Kurman, P.A.
Attorney

Tara L. Ward

Wiley Rein LLP
Attorney

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