



MEAGAN HARDCASTLE WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD



Meagan Hardcastle, Director at Bloomfield Hills, MI-based transactional financial consulting and turnaround management firm O'Keefe and Associates, was named among the top middle market finance professionals in the country at the M&A advisor's inaugural "40 Under 40" Recognition Awards.

The M&A Advisor, a globally renowned investment banking publication, created the awards to honor leading M&A (mergers & acquisitions), finance and turnaround professionals under the age of 40, and to promote mentorship and professional development among these emerging business leaders. Winners were chosen based on their accomplishments and expertise from a pool of international nominees by an independent judging panel of distinguished business leaders. Hardcastle accepted her award along with fellow 40/40 honorees at a televised black tie gala event held at the historic Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles on July 26th, 2010.



A member of the O'Keefe & Associates team since 2006, Hardcastle provides transactional finance and turnaround management counsel to middle market companies in Michigan and throughout the nation. A resident of Metro Detroit, Hardcastle recently was appointed to the Turnaround Management Association (TMA) Detroit Chapter Board of Directors.

Ms. Hardcastle is a Certified Turnaround Professional (CTP) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE). She is also accredited in Business Valuation (AVA) through the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA). Ms. Hardcastle holds a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business with concentrations in Finance and Strategic Management. She is also a Summa Cum Laude graduate of Wayne State University's Business School, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Corporate Finance and Investment Finance.



O'Keefe & Associates is a transactional financial consulting firm specializing in turnaround consulting, corporate finance, debt restructuring, business valuations, litigation support, creditor and bankruptcy services, forensic accounting, investment banking, and due diligence on strategic transactions. Established in 2001, the company has locations in Bloomfield Hills and Grand Rapids, MI., and Chicago, IL. For more information, visit www.okeefeandassociates.com or call (248) 593-4810.