



## Richard Wheelahan Recognized as a Winner of the 9th Annual M&A Advisor Emerging Leaders Award

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CHARLOTTE, N.C., Sept. 13, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Richard Wheelahan, III, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer of Capitala Group, has been recognized as a winner of the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Leaders Awards by M&A Advisor. The 2018 Award Winners have been chosen from a pool of prominent nominees for their notable accomplishments in business and in service to the community.

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

"Capitala is thrilled that Richard has received this recognition," stated Joe Alala, III, Chairman and CEO of Capitala Group. "This award validates not only his dedication to Capitala and our investors, but also the growth of our industry."

On Friday, September 14th, 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. The Awards Gala is a feature of the 2018 Emerging Leaders Summit – an exclusive event pairing current and past Emerging Leaders winners together with their peers and industry stalwarts. Evaluation and selection of the nominees was completed by an independent judging panel.

For a complete list of the 2018 Emerging Leaders Award Winners [Click Here](#).

### About Capitala Group

Capitala Group is a \$2.7 billion asset management firm that provides capital to lower and traditional middle market businesses throughout North America with office locations in Atlanta, Charlotte, Fort Lauderdale, Los Angeles, New York, and Raleigh. Capitala's *lower middle market investment strategy* focuses on investing in debt securities with minority equity co-investments with less than \$250 million in enterprise value through its permanent capital vehicles, Capitala Finance Corp. (Nasdaq:CPTA) and Capitala Specialty Lending Corp. (CSLC). Capitala's *growth fund strategy* targets control and minority equity investments, typically coupled with credit investments, in lower middle market companies with less than \$30 million in enterprise value through both SBIC (CapitalSouth SBIC Fund IV, L.P.) and non-SBIC closed-end funds. Capitala Group has invested in over 150 companies since its inception in 1998 and seeks to partner with strong management teams to create value and achieve optimal outcomes for its investors. For more information, visit our website at [www.CapitalaGroup.com](http://www.CapitalaGroup.com).

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