

Koley Jessen Named Finalist for M&A Advisor Awards

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Koley Jessen has been named as a finalist in several categories for the 2018 M&A Advisor Awards.

For the second year in a row the firm is a finalist for “Law Firm of the Year” alongside AmLaw 100 firms, including Alston & Bird LLP, Davis Polk & Wardell, Linklaters LLP, Ropes & Gray LLP, and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC. Koley Jessen was named the winner in this category for 2017.

The firm is a finalist in “Consumer Staples Deal of the Year (Over \$100MM)” and “Corporate/Strategic Deal of the Year (\$250MM-\$500MM)” categories for representing Nebraska-based Tecumseh Poultry dba Smart Chicken to Tyson Foods, Inc.

The firm is also a finalist for representing West Living in the sale of WESTliving’s nine senior living communities to MBK Senior Living in the “Healthcare and Life Sciences Deal of the Year \$100MM-1B)” category.

Both the West Living deal and the Smart Chicken transactions are also nominated for “M&A Deal of the Year (\$250MM-\$500MM).”

“We are thrilled to be recognized again in 2018 by the M&A Advisor for the transaction work we are doing for our clients,” said Mike Hupp, President of Koley Jessen and Chair of the Mergers & Acquisitions Practice. “The continued growth of our M&A practice is a testament to our focus on client service and continuous improvement.”

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“Our team has closed over 60 deals so far in 2018, with an aggregate deal value over \$2 billion” said Eric Oxley, Vice-Chair of the Mergers and Acquisitions Practice. “Middle-market M&A activity, along with valuations, continue to remain strong and we are experiencing a 30% increase in our closed deal volume, compared to 5 year averages. We are very appreciative of the great opportunities our clients provide us to handle transactions locally and across the country.”

The Finalists have been selected from the nominees in the first stage of evaluation, and the independent panel of judges will now focus their attention on the challenging task of selecting the ultimate award winners that will be announced at the Awards Gala on Tuesday, November 6th at the New York Athletic Club.

“Since the inception of the M&A Advisor Awards in 2002, we have been recognizing the leading dealmakers, firms and transactions. And each year we celebrate the creativity, perseverance and ingenuity of our industry’s professionals,” says Roger Aguinaldo, Founder of The M&A Advisor. “While our industry has undergone significant transformation since our first awards were presented 16 years ago, we are convinced, more than ever before, that M&A is a driving force of the economy. It is truly an honor for our firm to be able to recognize the contribution that the 2018 award finalists have made.”

For a detailed list of all of the Award Finalists for the 17th Annual M&A Advisor Awards, please [CLICK HERE](#).

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