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CASTLE HARLAN'S HOWARD MORGAN TO RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL M&A LEADERSHIP AWARD

New York, October 3, 2011 – The M&A Advisor is proud to announce that Howard Morgan, Co-President of private equity firm Castle Harlan will receive a 2011 M&A Advisor's International M&A Leadership Award. Morgan will be honored for his achievement in International M&A at the M&A Advisor's **3rd Annual International M&A Awards Luncheon at The Cornell Club on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 12:30 pm.**

"Howard is truly one of the leaders of International M&A. He can be credited with pioneering and advancing cross border mergers and acquisitions activities between US and international firms," says Roger Aguinaldo, CEO of The M&A Advisor. "We are honored to present Howard with M&A Advisor's International M&A Leadership Award. His efforts have provided direction and inspiration to individuals and established long lasting relationships between companies."

During the International M&A Summit taking place the morning of October 11, 2011, Morgan will join a panel discussion of pioneering private equity transactions around the world, sharing his perspective from working with global private equity investors and on transactions in US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

Howard D. Morgan joined Castle Harlan in 1996. From 2000 to 2002, he was Executive Director of CHAMP Private Equity, an affiliate of Castle Harlan in Sydney, Australia. He has been a Director and Executive Committee member of CHAMP since its inception. Previously, Morgan was a Partner at The Ropart Group, a private equity investment firm, where he was particularly instrumental in the acquisitions and growth of Blyth and XTRA. He began his career as an Associate at Allen & Company, working in mergers and acquisitions and private equity. Morgan is a board member of CHAMP, IDQ, Pretium Packaging, Securus and Baker & Taylor. He is a former director of over one dozen companies, including Polypipe, Austar, AmeriCast, Norcast, Ciao Bella Gelato, Ion Track Instruments, Land 'N' Sea Distributing and Penrice Soda Products. He is Chairman of the Harvard Business School Club of New York, a past director and officer of the Harvard Business School Alumni Association, and a current director of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, the Parkinson's Disease Foundation and the World Press Institute and Treasurer of the Friends of the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. Morgan received his B.A. from Hamilton College in Mathematics and Government and his M.B.A. from the Harvard Business School.

About the M&A Advisor

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About Castle Harlan

Castle Harlan, founded in 1987, invests in controlling interests in the buyout and development of middle-market companies in North America and Europe, and through CHAMP Private Equity, in Australia. Castle Harlan's team of 19 investment professionals has completed over 50 acquisitions since its inception with a total value in excess of \$10 billion. Castle Harlan currently manages investment funds with equity commitments of approximately \$3.5 billion. The firm traces its roots to the start of the institutionalized private equity business in the late 1960s.