

PRESS RELEASE

John Schladweiler Joins The Chicago Corporation as Senior Advisor

Chicago, IL (3/22/2011) – The Chicago Corporation, an independent Chicago-based investment banking firm, announced today that John Schladweiler has joined the firm as a Senior Advisor.

Mr. Schladweiler is President of Schladweiler Associates, Inc. which assists clients in strategies for leveraging technology to improve results. His clients have included The Clearing Corporation, Chase, three Blue Cross companies, Freightliner, Pepsi, Kaplan, Neff, and various middle market and start-up companies. As a consultant he has served as an imbedded executive to achieve technology product development objectives.

Mr. Schladweiler also co-founded a Daimler North American firm that provides management consulting, systems integration and application hosting that in three years grew to \$26 million in revenue and closed contracts worth \$130 million. The company founded under the name of debis IT Services North America was sold in 2000 to Deutsche Telecom and now operates as part of T-Systems.

He served as Senior Vice President of Technology and Network Operations of the Internet start-up company serving the real estate industry and operating as www.realtor.com. It has had over 3 billion hits and serves over 5 million people per month, won a Computerworld Smithsonian Award for Innovation, and pioneered the technology for information exchange between companies used in eBusiness applications.

As Senior Vice President of Strategy and Product Development by Comdisco Disaster Recovery Services, he focused on service delivery profitability problems. The data network around which the strategy was implemented was recognized by the editors of Data Communications as one of the *Top 20* in the world. During his tenure, revenues grew from \$50 million to \$250 million.

Mr. Schladweiler is a Board Member of the Chicago Youth Symphony Orchestras and the National Alliance for Mental Illness CCNS, a member and former Vice Chairman of the Union League Club of Chicago, and a former member of the Chicago (Midwest) Stock Exchange Board Technology Oversight Committee. He received a B.A. from Northwestern University and an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

About The Chicago Corporation

The Chicago Corporation is an independent Chicago-based investment banking firm focused on providing middle-market companies with a range of financial and corporate advisory services including merger and acquisitions, institutional debt and equity capital raising, and financial restructuring. The Chicago Corporation leverages the broad experience of its team to evaluate and implement financial strategies designed to maximize the value of a client's business. The firm is committed to a "client-first" approach, which ensures that its professionals work together to find the best market-based solution for the client. For more information about The Chicago Corporation, its investment bankers, and Senior Advisors, please visit www.thechicagocorp.com.

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