

PRESS RELEASE

Jeffrey Schneiders Joins The Chicago Corporation as Managing Director

Chicago, IL (January 3, 2011) – The Chicago Corporation, an independent Chicago-based investment banking firm, announced today that Jeffrey Schneiders has joined the firm as a Managing Director.

Mr. Schneiders has over 20 years of investment banking experience principally in mergers and acquisitions. Mr. Schneiders has completed nearly 60 middle-market transactions ranging from exclusive sales for private companies and private equity firms to divestitures from publicly traded companies and "going private" transactions. He has also raised financing for numerous clients.

Mr. Schneiders' industry experience is broad based spanning primarily the consumer, industrial and business services sectors. He also has extensive Special Situations expertise representing underperforming companies in distressed sale transactions both in and out of bankruptcy. Jeff has won numerous transaction-related awards and he frequently speaks on the topic of middle market mergers and acquisitions.

Prior to joining The Chicago Corporation, Mr. Schneiders was Managing Director and co-head of Fort Dearborn Partners' investment banking practice. Previously, he was a Managing Director in corporate finance at Andersen and Mesirow Financial, Inc. In addition to his investment banking experience, Mr. Schneiders has worked in sales at IBM Corporation and public accounting at Arthur Andersen.

Fred Floberg, Managing Partner of The Chicago Corporation said, "Jeff is a great addition to our team. His broad based middle market transactional experience is a great fit with our existing practice and his expertise working with underperforming companies complements our current skill set."

Mr. Schneiders is a member of the Association for Corporate Growth and the Turnaround Management Association. He also is a board member of an investment firm with oversight responsibilities in alternative assets including private equity and venture capital.

Mr. Schneiders earned an MBA from Northwestern University with an emphasis in Finance and Marketing. He earned his undergraduate degree from Miami (Ohio) University in Accounting. Mr. Schneiders is a Certified Public Accountant. He is qualified as a General Securities Representative and a General Securities Principal.

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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