



Oaklyn Consulting Honored as Gold Stevie Award Winner in 2019 American Business Awards

*Tennessee fee-based investment banking firm
is named Most Innovative Company of the Year*

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee, May 2, 2019 – Tennessee investment banking firm Oaklyn Consulting was named the winner of a Gold Stevie Award for Most Innovative Company of the Year in The 17th Annual American Business Awards today.

This is the first year Oaklyn Consulting has won a Stevie Award, widely recognized as one of the nation's top business awards. Oaklyn won in the Most Innovative Company of the Year category for organizations of 100 or fewer employees.

Judges noted Oaklyn's innovative model of fee-based investment banking services in lieu of commissions, which allows Oaklyn to offer truly objective advice to business owners in Nashville, Atlanta, Charlotte and across the Southeast concerning the wisdom of mergers, acquisitions and other major financial decisions.

"We're honored to receive this award, and it's particularly gratifying to be recognized for our fee-based investment banking model, which helps our industry serve more businesses and expand access to capital," said Frank Williamson, founder and CEO of Oaklyn Consulting. "We believe that our model complements the work of other investment banking firms in our region and is the best way to truly serve business owners' needs when deals are too small, risky or complex for those whose revenue depends on success fees. This award serves as a wonderful confirmation of that."

More than 3,800 nominations from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted this year for consideration in a wide range of categories, including Startup of the Year, Executive of the Year, Best New Product or Service of the Year, Marketing Campaign of the Year, Live Event of the Year, and App of the Year, among others. More than 200 professionals worldwide participated in the judging process to select this year's Stevie Award winners.

"The nominations submitted to The 2019 American Business Awards were outstanding. They illustrate the continued vibrancy of innovation and high level of achievement across the American economic landscape," said Michael Gallagher, president and founder of the Stevie

Awards.

Details about The American Business Awards and the list of 2019 Stevie winners are available at www.StevieAwards.com/ABA.

About Oaklyn Consulting

[Oaklyn Consulting](#) is a consulting firm that helps investor groups and private businesses, from startup to middle market, with mergers, acquisitions, capital-raising, investor relations, succession and other strategic corporate finance decisions. Oaklyn Consulting does not work as a broker but as an extension of clients' boards and management teams, charging time-based fees for investment banking advice.

About the Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in seven programs: the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards, the German Stevie Awards, The American Business Awards®, The International Business Awards®, the Stevie Awards for Women in Business, the Stevie Awards for Great Employers, and the Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Stevie Awards competitions receive more than 12,000 entries each year from organizations in more than 70 nations. Honoring organizations of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more about the Stevie Awards at <http://www.StevieAwards.com>. Sponsors of The 2019 American Business Awards include HCL America, John Hancock Financial Services, and SoftPro.

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