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PATRICK O'KEEFE OF O'KEEFE & ASSOCIATES
RECEIVES THE BUSINESS MEDAL OF HONOR

Local Consultant Receives Recognition as an Outstanding Business Person

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI - December 13, 2008 - Cleary University located in Howell, Michigan, presented The Glenn H. Friedt, Sr. Business Medal of Honor to Patrick O'Keefe in conjunction with the Class of 2008 commencement ceremony. The Cleary University Board of Trustees nominated Mr. O'Keefe in recognition of his continued success and tireless efforts in the business community assisting companies in financial distress with outstanding results in turnaround management and recapitalization strategies.

Mr. O'Keefe, the founder of O'Keefe & Associates, a leading Midwest turnaround consulting firm, has received national recognition for creative financing strategies for middle market companies and has received national awards for debt financing, turnaround and sale financing transactions of the year.

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan-based O'KEEFE & ASSOCIATES is a financial consulting firm specializing in turnaround consulting, corporate finance, investment banking, debt restructuring, business valuations, litigation support, creditor and bankruptcy services, forensic accounting, and due diligence on strategic transactions. Established in 2001, the company also has a location in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For more information, visit www.okeefeandassociates.com or call 248.593.4810.