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Harold J. Kessler – *Managing Director*

Over his thirty year career, Harold has provided strategic, financial and operations leadership for mergers and acquisitions, restructuring engagements and orderly liquidations in interim management and advisory roles.

He has served as interim President, Chief Restructuring Officer and financial advisor representing borrowers, debtors, lenders and creditors in bankruptcy and out-of-court restructurings and has served as trustee and reorganization plan administrator. Harold also brings over 20 years of experience as an asset-based lender and portfolio manager with transaction history in loan restructurings, workouts, liquidations, wind-downs and originations.

His diverse industry expertise includes aerospace, healthcare, manufacturing, consumer goods, retail, business and professional services and real estate.

Since joining BlackBriar, Harold has served in multiple roles for our clients including:

- Liquidating Trustee for litigation trust following 363 sale of multi-location Assisted Living enterprise;
- Financial Advisor to lending institution liquidating sale of assets foreclosed from Aerospace Parts Reseller in Chapter 11;
- Financial Advisor to lending institution assisting with sale of \$30 million sale of consumer loan portfolio, real estate and other assets in an orderly wind down of a family business;
- Liquidating Agent for \$25 million Oil and Gas Pipeline Construction enterprise;
- Financial Advisor to \$80 million financially stressed medical device manufacturer and rental company;
- Financial Advisor to \$15 million manufacturer of aerospace parts acting on behalf of the lender to facilitate sale of the enterprise to private equity buyer;
- Financial Advisor to \$50 million multinational equipment importer/assembler during restructuring through sale of the business to a strategic buyer.

He currently serves as creditor representative and board member of DLH Master Landing Holding, LLC and Allen Capital Partners, LLC, (currently, The Allen Group has more than 8,000 acres under development across the United States). He served in a key role during the successful confirmation of the debtor's reorganization plan as financial advisor to the Unsecured Creditors' Committee.

Prior to joining BlackBriar, Mr. Kessler led Barrier Advisors' corporate restructuring, trustee and examiner services and was a senior team member of the firm's investment banking and corporate finance practices. At Barrier, he served as financial advisor for First Lien Lenders of Graceway Pharmaceuticals LLC, Bondholders of Molecular Insight Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Marcal Paper Mills, LLC, FC Term Lenders Liquidating Trust, Acme Packaging Corporation, Prime Succession, Inc., Amcast Industrial Corporation and Thayer Aerospace Consolidated, Inc.



Harold Kessler– *Managing Director, BlackBriar Advisors LLC (Cont'd)*

Prior to Barrier, he served as Vice President and Portfolio Manager of Guaranty Business Credit Corporation, where he managed a secured lending portfolio consisting of \$500 million in commitments with over 50 loans to companies in various industries.

Prior to Guaranty, Harold served in senior management and lending positions as:

- Vice President and Portfolio Manager for Banc One Management & Consulting Corporation where he managed a portfolio with over 1,400 assets;
- Regional Manager for AT Commercial Credit Corporation (Ameritrust Bank); and
- Credit Manager for BT Commercial Corporation (Bankers Trust Corp).

Education and Certifications

- Adelphi University – Bachelors of Business Administration Finance and Marketing
- Certified Turnaround Professional (CTP)
- Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor (CIRA)

Affiliations and Memberships

- American Bankruptcy Institute
- Association of Insolvency Restructuring Advisors
- Association for Corporate Growth
- Turnaround Management Association – board member & president of the Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter
- Commercial Finance Association – Southwest Chapter

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