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**NEWS**  
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## **Tom Curzon, Phoenix lawyer, receives “Arizona Business Magazine” Centers of Influence Award**

Tom Curzon, a partner at the Phoenix law firm of Osborn Maledon, P.A., has received a Center of Influence Award, honoring the state’s most influential accountants, bankers and lawyers, from “Arizona Business” magazine.

Curzon’s practice focuses primarily on serving as outside general counsel to emerging, growth-oriented companies and on entrepreneurial transactions. His expertise includes venture capital and securities, entity formation and transaction structuring, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, initial public offerings, corporate governance, licensing and distribution of software and other products, employee matters, and executive compensation.

The following winners were selected by the magazine in its inaugural recognition awards for demonstrating “an extraordinary influence within their companies, their industry, their business clients and the community they serve.”

### **Lawyers**

Timothy Berg — managing partner, Fennemore Craig;  
David Birk— senior vice president and general counsel, Avnet;  
John Bouma — chairman, Snell & Wilmer;  
Tom Curzon — partner, Osborn Maledon;  
Janet Dhillon — senior vice president and general counsel, U.S. Airways;  
Karen Dickinson — partner, Quarles & Brady;  
Mark Dioguardi — partner, Dioguardi Flynn;  
Robert Matia — managing partner, Squire Sanders & Dempsey;  
Julie Pace— partner, Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll;  
Quinn Williams — shareholder, Greenberg Traurig;

### **Accountants**

Tony Astorga — senior vice president and CFO, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona;  
Bruce Beach — managing shareholder, Beach, Fleischman & Co.;  
Ronald Butler — Arizona managing partner, Ernst & Young;  
Diane Costantino — office managing partner of the Arizona practice, PricewaterhouseCoopers;  
Jay Lohman — president, Lohman Company;  
Edward O’Brien — office managing partner Desert Cluster, Grant Thornton;  
Ed Rodriguez — managing partner, KPMG;  
Carleen Shilling, partner, Eide Bailly;  
John Sizer— partner-in-charge of assurance and advisory services, Deloitte & Touche;

Gary Smith —partner, McGladrey & Pullen;

**Bankers**

Norman Butler — senior vice president, Bank of America;

John Byrd —senior credit officer, Biltmore Bank of Arizona;

Guy Downing — managing director, Columbia West Capital;

Orville “Chip” E. Fisher— managing director, Greene Holcomb & Fisher;

Gary Hickel—president, Paradise Valley Bank (proposed);

Hope B. Levin — president Arizona market, U.S. Bank;

Jeffrey D. Lowe — president Arizona banking, MidFirst Bank;

Bob McGee — president and CEO, Southwestern Business Financing Corporation;

Candace Wiest — president and CEO, West Valley National Bank;

Ed Zito — executive vice president commercial/corporate banking, Alliance Bank of Arizona.

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