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Carol Coughlin Becomes an NACD Fellow

NACD Fellows Demonstrate Their Commitment to the Highest Levels of Corporate Governance and Leadership in the Boardroom

WASHINGTON, November 17, 2014 -- The [National Association of Corporate Directors](#) (NACD) is pleased to announce that Carol Coughlin of BottomLine Growth Strategies, Inc. has become an NACD Fellow, the highest level of credentialing for corporate directors and corporate governance professionals. Carol Coughlin currently serves as a director on the boards of Hamilton Bancorp (NASDAQ: HBK) and Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, and numerous advisory boards for growth-oriented companies

As an NACD Fellow, Carol Coughlin has demonstrated her knowledge of the leading trends and practices that define exemplary corporate governance today and has committed to developing professional insights through a sophisticated course of ongoing study.

"I am honored to join the distinguished and diverse group of individuals who make up NACD's Fellowship program and who have committed to advancing the highest standards of boardroom leadership," said Coughlin. "The resources, insights and connections I've made through NACD's Fellowship program will be key assets to the companies I serve, as well as to my professional growth as a director."

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“We are proud to announce that Carol Coughlin has joined NACD’s credentialed directors and has taken the next step in the pursuit of boardroom excellence,” said [Ken Daly](#), president and CEO of NACD. “Our fellows help advance the highest standards for those who serve in the boardroom, strengthening our businesses and driving director professionalism. The impact of this program is unmatched and they should be commended for their ongoing commitment to their own professional development.”

Candidates for NACD's Fellowship Program complete a strong foundation course which focuses on topical matters and committee-specific issues, followed by additional NACD education within a 12-month period. NACD Fellows renew their status every year, maintaining and advancing their knowledge with continuous learning and peer-led collaboration.

NACD's Fellows serve on boards of some of the largest and most diverse corporations in the world, including NASDAQ OMX- and NYSE-listed companies such as The Bon-Ton Stores, Ellie Mae, Foot Locker, Marsh & McLennan Cos., Monsanto, Nu Skin Enterprises, PICO Holdings, Pinnacle Entertainment, Retail Properties of America Inc., and Reynolds American.

NACD Fellows represent hundreds of companies and provide a snapshot of the caliber of corporate directors engaged in continuous learning with NACD--the leading organization that identifies, interprets and provides insights and information that boardroom leaders rely upon to apply their wisdom and knowledge and make sound strategic decisions.

For information about the NACD Fellowship program, visit www.NACDonline.org/Fellowships. Directors who are interested in becoming an NACD Board Leadership Fellow can contact NACD at 202-572-2084 or email Fellowships@NACDonline.org.

About NACD

The [National Association of Corporate Directors \(NACD\)](#) is the only membership organization focused exclusively on advancing exemplary board leadership. Based on more than 35 years of experience, NACD identifies, interprets, and provides insights and information that corporate board members rely upon to make sound strategic decisions, confidently confront complex business challenges, and enhance shareowner value. With more than 13,000 corporate director members, NACD provides world-class director education, director training, and proprietary research about leading boardroom and corporate governance practices to promote director professionalism and bolster investor confidence. Furthermore, to create more effective and efficient corporate boards, NACD provides independent board evaluations and custom-tailored in-boardroom education and training programs, as well as director-led conferences, forums, and peer-exchange learning opportunities to share ideas about current and emerging issues. Fostering collaboration among directors and governance stakeholders, NACD is shaping the future of board leadership. To learn more about NACD, visit www.NACDonline.org. To join, contact Kelly Dodd at kkdodd@NACDonline.org or 202-380-1891.

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