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### **Mark Richardson Awarded Certified in Mergers & Acquisitions (CM&A) Designation**

ANAHEIM HILLS, CA — The Alliance of Merger & Acquisition Advisors (AMAA) has conferred Certified in Mergers & Acquisitions (CM&A) certification upon Mark Richardson, of JM Richardson Business Transfer in Anaheim Hills. He is one of an elite group of experienced corporate financial advisors nationwide to earn the CM&A certification in 2005. The CM&A designation distinguish those individuals who have mastered a comprehensive body of essential knowledge and have committed to staying abreast of continuing new developments in the profession. Mark has particular expertise in representing families in the successful sales of their closely held companies.

The Alliance of Merger & Acquisition Advisors initiated the CM&A program to develop an essential standard of excellence for middle market corporate financial advisory. “To achieve our goals,” noted Michael Nall, Executive Director of AMAA, “we’ve created a practical, relevant, and comprehensive professional development program that builds on the previously existing skills. This advanced credential provides an important ‘gold standard’ to assist the client in selecting the best advisor. Moreover, we’ve established extremely high professional and ethical requirements insure the integrity of the CM&A designation. For the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever, owners of privately held companies now have a key benchmark of competency for help with ‘once in a lifetime’ kind of decisions.”