

Financial Services Advocate of the Year

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John C. Johnson is the Financial Services Advocate of the Year.

After graduating from college in the early '70s with a degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Tulsa, Johnson worked for Amoco Production and Union Pacific where he worked his way up the corporate ladder.

He left the corporate world in 1979 to run a family distribution business where he was instrumental in the venture's success, employing 10 people by the time it sold to a larger firm in 1986.

In 1987, Johnson decided to form Bluestem Resources to provide professional intermediary services to business owners in the purchase and sale of businesses.

Bluestem's services include valuing, documenting, educating, preparing, marketing, negotiating, assisting with financing and closing transactions. The company has sold or represented transactions across

seven states.

Johnson also earned a master's in business administration from Texas Christian University as well as a national certification as a business intermediary and an Oklahoma real estate license. In addition, he seeks the national designation for a master merger and acquisition intermediary designation.

Johnson serves or has served as a board member or officer of The Oklahoma Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence, Oklahoma Manufacturers' Resource Network, Oklahoma Private Enterprise Forum, Entrepreneurs of Tulsa, Leadership Oklahoma, The State Chamber, International Business Brokers Association and The Oklahoma Academy for State Goals.

Johnson was nominated by Bluestem Resources Group and the Tulsa Metro Chamber.

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