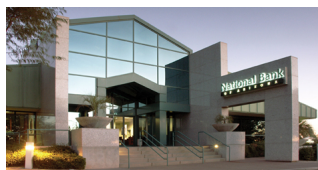


Best of Our Valley 2011: Companies & Professionals

Written by Nichole Brophy

From catering and cleaners to the best in advertising and real estate, here we present the top picks for Companies and Professionals



Best Private Banking

National Bank of Arizona - Second-Year Winner

Whether their necessity is personal or business banking, our voters stow their confidence and their cash with the National Bank of Arizona. www.nbarizona.com.



Best Photographer: Real Estate & Interiors

Dan Raustadt, Bigger Picture Images

It takes an extraordinary ability to bring the stationary to life. Dan Raustadt of Bigger Picture Images was selected by voters for his sensational shots of Valley properties and his following in the real estate realm. 602.561.8566, www.biggerpictureimages.com.

Best Real Estate Law Firm

Harper Law Arizona

From contracts to construction, Harper Law has helped numerous Arizonans get their projects off the ground and on their way to success. 602.256.6400, www.harperlawarizona.com.

Best Family Law

Gloria Cales

Divorce can drive anyone crazy. Gloria Cales of Collaborative Divorce Professionals of Arizona has the experience to navigate the testy waters that circulate a shift in family dynamics. 480.889.3600, www.collaborativedivorcearizona.com.

Best Bankruptcy Law Firm

Engelman Berger PC

Dealing with the headaches, fears and consequences of filing for bankruptcy can be a trying time in anyone's financial life. Engelman Berger PC was selected by our voters as the firm that best assists clients in navigating financial uncertainty. 602.271.9090, www.engelmanberger.com.

Best Estate Planning and Trust Administration Law Firm

Roger D. Smith Attorney at Law

Thinking about the world without you in it can be a scary picture to paint. Roger D. Smith Attorney at Law helps release some of the burden by giving his clients the power to know their families will be taken care of. 480.443.7600, www.rogerdsmithattorney.com.

Best Intellectual Property Law Firm

Jaburg & Wilk PC

Drumming up your own genius is a lot of work; that's why voters chose Jaburg & Wilk PC as the firm trusted to protect their most valuable asset—their creativity. 602.248.1000, www.jaburgwilk.com.

Best Florist

Camelback Flowershop

For fresh florals and botanical arrangements, voters selected Camelback Flowershop as their preferred green-thumbed professionals. 602.840.4646, www.camelbackflowershop.com.

Best Graphic Design

Avenue 25 Advertising & Design

Voters agree that Avenue 25 is the expert when it comes to visuals and graphics that make a Web site attract and keep visitors' interest. 602.864.1233, www.ave25.com.

Best Investment Firm

UBS

From wealth and asset management to investment banking, our voters appreciate UBS's worldwide reputation and convenient Valley

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locations. www.ubs.com.

Best Job Web Site

Jobing.com

As an industry leader, the well-known Jobing.com has assisted countless individuals in returning to the work force. www.jobing.com.



Advertising Firm, Best Public Relations or Marketing Firm and Best Social Networking or Online Media Firm

Zion & Zion

Need the creative edge? Follow in the footsteps of numerous Valley businesses that sought out Zion & Zion for their marketing needs and beyond. As an all-encompassing, one-stop shop, Zion & Zion was selected by our voters primarily due to its multitude of offerings and mastery in all things media. 480.751.1007, www.zionandzion.com.



Best Photographer: Weddings

Tim Stansell, The Visionyard Wedding Photography

Every couple wants to remember all the angles of their big day. Voters love the romance and realism that exudes from Tim Stansell's work around the wedding circuit. 602.374.2728, www.thevisionyard.com.

Best Laundry/Dry Cleaner/Alterations

Organic Dry Cleaners - Second-Year Winner

Boasting earth-friendly techniques, chemical-free treatments and organic products, Organic Dry Cleaners is a favorite among voters for its peace-of-mind practices. www.organicdrycleaners.com.

Best National Valley-Based Company and Most Philanthropic Company

GoDaddy

Having established roots in the Valley, GoDaddy has quickly skyrocketed to a national brand. From the at-home entrepreneur to successful Valley-based companies, GoDaddy's appeal and ease has few rivals in the domain and Web hosting realms. www.godaddy.com.

Best Photographer: Commercial

Chadwick Fowler, Chadwick Fowler Photographics

Top musical talent and artistic industries always seek out the best for commercial-use projects and pictorials. Photographer Chadwick Fowler is that man and although he travels far and wide in the name of art, he's based right here in Arizona. 602.738.2222, www.chadwickfowler.com.



Best Catering

The Herb Box Catering Company

Already a favorite lunch spot in the Valley, The Herb Box Catering Company provides a creative, freshness-centered gourmet menu for private events and parties around town. 480.998.8355, www.herbboxcatering.com.

Best Photographer: Events

Mike Benedetto, Moments Frozen Photography

Capturing a moment in time can tell a story for years to come. Mike Benedetto of Moments Frozen Photography won this category for his ability to give clients snapshots of their most memorable events. 480.577.5882, www.momentsfrozen.smugmug.com.

Best Photographer: Family & Portraits

Larry Stone, 12 North Photography

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While his portfolio includes a wide repertoire of expertise, Larry Stone of 12 North Photography won this category for the creativity and originality of his portrait-taking techniques. 928.315.2582, www.12north.com.

Best Photographer: Fashion & Beauty

Christos Sewell, Christos Sewell Photography

With countless fashion pictorials and layouts under his belt, Christos Sewell knows how to accentuate fashion and the female form. Specializing in commercial, editorial and designer photography, Sewell's keen eye and creativity landed him at the top of this category. 480.570.2689, www.imagebychristos.com.

Best Web Design, Programming or Management Firm

Silverleaf Design

Web presence is the key to visibility these days. In fact, one click is all it takes to make a first impression. Selected by voters for simplifying all aspects of Web site management, Silverleaf Design's Web designs are content specific, visually appealing and make visitors want to browse longer. 623.879.9377, www.silverlf.com.

Best Realtor in the Valley and Best Realtor: Ahwatukee

Pam Eagan

When buying or selling in Ahwatukee Foothills, Pam Eagan has the knowledge and know-how to get the deal done. Eagan's enthusiasm and passion for the real estate arena have helped countless house hunters find their dream homes and, in turn, was voted the best realtor in the Valley of the Sun. 602.390.5740, www.pameagan.com.

Best Realtor: Chandler

Amy Jones

Consistently voted one of the top agents in the state, Amy Jones of RE/Max Excalibur is the expert of all things in Chandler real estate. 480.250.3857, www.amysellsaz.com.

Best Realtor: Glendale

Nate Martinez

Specializing in all areas of the profession, Nate Martinez holds about every designation a top agent could have. Martinez's professionalism and more than 25 years of experience makes him the go-to agent in Glendale. 602.942.7000, www.nateshomes.com.

Best Realtor: Paradise Valley

Cheryl Anderson

It takes an experienced agent to move luxury real estate and Cheryl Anderson of Russ Lyon Sotheby's has the upper hand in the most lavish communities of Paradise Valley. 602.312.6038, www.cherylanderson.com.

Best Realtor: Phoenix

Wendy Walker

Coldwell Banker agent, Wendy Walker, knows Phoenix's housing market better than anyone. Be it new construction, resales or second-home ownership, Walker is experienced in all facets of Phoenix properties. 602.468.8888, www.azmoves.com.

Best Realtor: Scottsdale

Virginia Gee

With more than 20 years of industry experience to her credit, broker Virginia Gee represents both buyers and sellers in the swanky Scottsdale market. 602.526.2672, www.virginiagee.com.

Best Realtor: Tempe

Thomas Tokoph

Having lived in the Valley since 1975, Thomas Tokoph, designated broker of Urban Realty & Development, is rooted in the area's housing history. Based in Tempe, Tokoph has a gross volume of more than \$100 million in residential and commercial transactions. 480.829.1000, www.urbanrealtyaz.com. —N.B.