

## Karen Tuleta Receives ACG Women in Transactions Deal Maker of the Year Award

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MPE Partners ("MPE" or "Morgenthaler Private Equity") is proud to recognize Partner Karen Tuleta as the first recipient of the Association for Corporate Growth ("ACG") Women in Transactions Deal Maker of the Year award.

ACG established this award to recognize women who are leaders at their company and in the M&A/deal making community.

Karen was presented with her award at the 22nd Annual ACG Deal Maker Awards held on January 25, 2018.

With 30 years of corporate finance and investment experience, Karen has originated, negotiated, and closed more than 60 investments and/or third-party financing transactions in her career, including financings for platform acquisitions, add-on acquisitions, restructurings, dividend recapitalizations, refinancings, real estate sale leaseback transactions, and staple financings for liquidity events.

As one of three partners managing MPE, Karen sets the firm's investment strategy, leads the firm's sourcing activities, oversees the firm's fundraising initiatives, recruits executives, and manages the firm's capital markets activities and transaction financings. She works closely with MPE's portfolio companies, as a board member and/or as a deal team member, to set strategy, manage value creation initiatives, structure financings, and oversee liquidity events.

Outside the firm, Karen has served on the ACG Global Board, ACG Global Finance Committee, and is a former president and board member of ACG Cleveland. She is a past Crain's Cleveland Business Woman of Note and is a respected mentor to many women in the dealmaking community. Karen is actively involved in The Alzheimer's Association and is an advocate of its on-going mission to provide research, support, education, and care for families in need.



Karen Tuleta, inaugural recipient of the 2018 ACG Women in Transactions Deal Maker of the Year award

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***"The Deal Maker Awards program recognizes Northeast Ohio's corporate and individual "Deal Makers" who have been inspirational, visionary, creative, tenacious and persistent in their efforts to complete acquisition, joint venture, financing and divestiture transactions."***

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**Disclaimer:** ACG Cleveland's Deal Maker Awards program is designed to recognize significant achievements of companies and financiers who participate actively in merger and acquisition activity in Northeast Ohio. ACG Cleveland's Women in Transactions Deal Maker of the Year Award is a part of this program and seeks to recognize women business owners or executives who are leaders at their company and in the M&A/deal making community. Women whose companies were involved in deal making activities or who played instrumental roles for their employers in deal making activities were eligible for nomination. No fee was paid by MPE or Karen Tuleta to be eligible for consideration for this award, nor was membership in any specific organization a prerequisite for consideration. Ms. Tuleta was nominated by a third party, and such nomination was unsolicited. Ms. Tuleta was the only winner of this award. The award was independently granted by ACG Cleveland, and nominations were considered by a steering committee of experienced merger and acquisition professionals who reviewed application materials focused on specific deal making activity and the impact of that activity on the company involved.