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**For Immediate Release:**

**Monroe Credit Advisors 2010 Results --  
Nine Client Closings in 2010**

Chicago, IL – Monroe Credit Advisors today announced the closing of nine client financings for 2010. The closings included a debt restructuring, six debt placements and two originations of leasing transactions for credit investment funds.

The firm was founded in July 2009 by Mark Gertzof and Christopher Gentry, former leveraged lenders, as an affiliate of Monroe Capital, an active middle market lender. Ted Koenig, President and Chief Executive Officer of Monroe Capital said, “Mark and Chris have done a great job of positioning the credit advisory business in a market where a lot of middle market companies need help with financing and debt issues related to the current state of the credit markets. The great thing about this business is that it is run by former lenders who have lived and breathed lending for 20+ years. They know the lending world and are very adept at finding the best debt capital in the market. We’re excited about the future of this business and the synergies between our advisory and lending businesses.”

Four of the debt capital raises that the firm undertook for clients are owned by financial sponsors. These transactions involved both refinancing portfolio company debt and new acquisitions. Gertzof saw this as a trend that he expects to continue. “The downturn obviously affected portfolio companies of private equity firms. Rather than spend the inordinate amount of time to undertake a refinancing, private equity principals see the value of completely outsourcing that effort. Our process adds insurance of execution and takes the burden away from financial sponsors so they can continue to deploy capital to new investments.”

In addition to engaging with middle market companies and their investors to raise debt capital, Monroe Credit Advisors also acts as a mediator between borrowers and lenders, either representing the borrower or representing the lender. In either case, the firm works to find solutions that will benefit both parties and get a credit relationship back on track or find a new lender to begin a new relationship. One such engagement in 2010 involved a restructuring of mezzanine debt that enabled the borrower to access new capital to grow its business and increase shareholder value. The client is poised to gain value to the point that debt investors and owners can reach recovery and return of capital.

“We have great value in our experience as lenders, where we can bring a fresh perspective to a challenging situation,” Gentry added. “In this market, you have a lot of good companies with cyclical issues. It’s really a matter of reshuffling the deck so that lenders, borrowers and investors realign their interests to position for a better outcome down the road.

The firm currently has five transactions under engagement heading into 2011.

**About Monroe Credit Advisors LLC**

Monroe Credit Advisors, provides debt capital solutions to middle market companies and their investors through strategies built for today’s dynamic credit markets. We advise on structuring and arranging credit through our relationships with a broad spectrum of debt providers including banks, commercial finance companies, debt investment funds and leasing companies. Our experienced team of leveraged finance professionals approaches the market with a lender’s perspective, delivering to our clients real time market intelligence and structuring expertise that results in significant savings of time and money, as well as increased certainty of execution. To learn more about Monroe Credit Advisors, visit [www.monroecredit.com](http://www.monroecredit.com).