Grant Thornton's Jim Fortosis Receives Rising Star award

Jim Fortosis, a member of Grant Thornton LLP's Risk, Regulatory and Legal Affairs team, has received a First Chair Award for excellence in legal counsel.

First Chair, an organization designed to bring together a community of accomplished attorneys in private practice with those that are in-house counsel, hosts the First Chair Awards annually and asks private practice attorneys to nominate their in-house peers for a variety of honors such as top general counsel, top litigation counsel and more.

Fortosis, who serves as senior counsel, is a recipient of the 2017 Rising Stars award and was recognized for his efforts in managing litigation and regulatory matters involving Grant Thornton and counseling firm professionals on legal, compliance and risk management issues.

"For a firm like Grant Thornton to succeed, we must have a legal team that can effectively navigate an increasingly complex legal and regulatory environment," said Ken Cunningham, chief legal officer of Grant Thornton LLP. "This recognition is yet another testament to his keen ability to manage and swiftly resolve legal issues while also being a consistent source of valued legal counsel for our firm."

With more than nine years of legal practice, Fortosis was an associate at Sidley Austin LLP in Chicago prior to joining Grant Thornton. He received his juris doctor degree from the University of Chicago Law School and his bachelor's degree in political science from Wheaton College.

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