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**ANNUAL AUDITED REPORT  
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Information Required of Brokers and Dealers Pursuant to Section 17 of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Rule 17a-5 Thereunder**

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING 01/01/09 AND ENDING 12/31/09  
MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION**

NAME OF BROKER DEALER:

THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC

OFFICIAL USE ONLY  
FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS: (Do not use P.O. Box No.)

500 NEWPORT CENTER DRIVE, SUITE 580

(No. And Street)

NEWPORT BEACH,  
(City)

CA  
(State)

92660  
(Zip Code)

NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

STUART D. APPELSON

(609) 933-3012  
(Area Code - Telephone Number)

**B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION**

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report \*

FULVIO & ASSOCIATES, LLP

ATTN: JOHN FULVIO, CPA  
(Name - if individual state last, first, middle name)

5 West 37<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
(Address)

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(City)

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10018  
(Zip Code)

CHECK ONE:

- Certified Public Accountant
- Public Accountant
- Accountant not resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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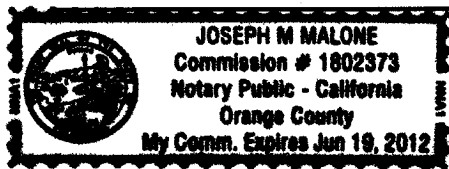
\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-5(e)(2)

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OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, THOMAS W. COURTNEY, JR., swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statement and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC, as of DECEMBER 31, 2009, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer, except as follows:

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*Joseph M. Malone*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

*Thomas W. Courtney Jr.*  
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Signature  
PRESIDENT & DIRECTOR  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

This report \*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- (a) Facing page.
- (b) Statement of Financial Condition.
- (c) Statement of Income (Loss).
- (d) Statement of Cash Flows.
- (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital.
- (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors.
- (g) Computation of Net Capital.
- (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3.
- (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
- (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation of the Computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation or Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
- (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation.
- (l) An Oath or Affirmation.
- (m) A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report.
- (n) A report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of previous audit.
- (o) Supplemental independent Auditors Report on Internal Accounting Control.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3).

FULVIO & ASSOCIATES, L.L.P.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Member of  
The Courtney Group, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of The Courtney Group, LLC (the "Company") as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of Operations, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the year then ended that you are filing pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Courtney Group, LLC as of December 31, 2009, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained on pages 10 and 11 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not required as part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Fulvio & Associates, LLP*

New York, New York  
February 16, 2010

THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2009

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 18,214
Prepaid expense	<u>495</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 18,709</u>

LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY

Liabilities:

Accrued expenses	<u>\$ 10,109</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>10,109</u>

Member's equity:

Member's equity	<u>8,600</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY	<u>\$ 18,709</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Revenue:

Consulting fee	<u>125,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>125,000</u>

Expenses:

Consulting	77,149
Professional fees	16,916
Regulatory fees	1,333
Miscellaneous	<u>40,594</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>135,992</u>
NET LOSS	<u>\$ (10,992)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Member's equity- January 1, 2009	\$ 24,592
Withdrawal	(5,000)
Net loss	<u>(10,992)</u>
Member's equity - December 31, 2009	<u>\$ 8,600</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

Cash flows from operating activities:

Net loss \$ (10,992)

Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by  
operating activities:

Increase in prepaid expenses	(495)
Decrease in other receivable	14,163
Increase in accrued expenses	<u>3,359</u>

Total adjustments 17,027

Net cash provided by operating activities 6,035

Cash flows from financing activities:

Withdrawal (5,000)

Net cash used in financing activities (5,000)

Net change in cash 1,035

Cash at December 31, 2008 17,179

Cash at December 31, 2009 \$ 18,214

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

The Courtney Group, LLC (the "Company") was organized, as a limited liability company and commenced operations in 2002. The limited liability agreement provides for the Company to terminate on May 11, 2091, unless dissolved sooner.

Principal Business Activity

The Company is a registered broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") and is a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). The Company is engaged in investment banking activities both as an advisor and placement agent in the placement of debt and equity securities to qualified investors and as an advisor to entities engaged in mergers, acquisitions, divestitures and joint ventures.

Financial Statement Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America may require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

The Company receives fees for acting as a placement agent. Fees for successful placement are recognized when the transaction closes.

Income Taxes

No provision is required for federal or state taxes on the income of the Company. Under the Internal Revenue Code and similar state regulations the Company is treated as a partnership; accordingly, the income to the company is taxed to the member.



THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009  
(continued)

NOTE 2. NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The company is subject to the Securities and Exchange Commission Uniform Net Capital Rule (SEC rule 15c3-1), which requires the maintenance of minimum net capital and requires that the ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital, both as defined, shall not exceed 15 to 1. At December 31, 2009 the Company had net capital of \$8,105, which was \$3,105 in excess of its required net capital of \$5,000. The Company's ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital was 1.25 to 1.

NOTE 3. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

The Company shared office space with a company related through common ownership that, for 2009, has elected to waive the rent and certain other overhead expenses that would otherwise be charged to the Company for use of office space. The affiliate has adequate resources independent of the Company to pay these expenses, and the Company has no additional obligation, either direct or indirect, to compensate a third party for these expenses.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC  
 COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL PURSUANT TO  
 UNIFORM NET CAPITAL RULE 15c3-1  
 AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009

CREDITS

Total member's equity	\$ 8,600
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DEBITS

Total non-allowable assets and other deductions	<u>495</u>
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Net capital	<u>\$ 8,105</u>
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Aggregate indebtedness:

Accrued expenses	<u>\$ 10,109</u>
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Total aggregate indebtedness	<u>10,109</u>
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Computation of minimum net capital requirement:

Minimum net capital (The greater of 5,000 or 6.67% of aggregate indebtedness)	<u>5,000</u>
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Excess net capital	<u>\$ 3,105</u>
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Ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital	<u>1.25 to 1</u>
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There are no material differences between the amounts presented above and the amounts reported on the Company's corresponding unaudited Form X-17A-5 Part II A FOCUS filing.

THE COURTNEY GROUP, LLC  
COMPUTATION FOR DETERMINATION OF THE RESERVE REQUIREMENTS  
AND INFORMATION RELATING TO POSSESSION OR CONTROL REQUIREMENTS  
FOR BROKERS AND DEALERS PURSUANT TO RULE 15c3-3  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2009

The Company is exempt from the provisions of Rule 15c3-3 under paragraph (k) (2) (i) in that the Company carries no accounts, does not hold funds or securities for, or owe money or securities to, customers. The Company effectuates all financial transactions on behalf of their customers on a fully disclosed basis. Accordingly, there are no items to report under the requirements of this Rule.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT  
ON INTERNAL ACCOUNTING CONTROL

To the Member of  
The Courtney Group, LLC:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedules of The Courtney Group, LLC (the "Company") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Company's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

Also, as required by rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company including consideration of control activities for safeguarding securities. This study included tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in rule 17a-5(g) in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness (or aggregate debits) and net capital under rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry securities accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following:

- Making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons and recordation of differences required by rule 17a-13.
- Complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.
- Obtaining and maintaining physical possession or control of all fully paid and excess margin securities of customers as required by rule 15c3-3.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practice and procedures are to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection or any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.


A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was the limited purpose described in the first and second paragraphs and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control and control activities for safeguarding securities that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purpose in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2009, to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. and other regulatory agencies that rely on rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julius S. Associates, LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

New York, New York

February 16, 2010