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Email: [amy.babcock@sumitomocorp.com](mailto:amy.babcock@sumitomocorp.com)**Sumitomo Corporation of Americas' Gabe Jones Named Finalist for HBJ's Corporate Counsel Awards**

Houston, TX – August 10, 2016 – Sumitomo Corporation of Americas (SCOA) is pleased to announce that Gabe Jones of their Houston office has been named as a finalist for Houston Business Journal's Best Corporate Counsel Awards, which will be celebrated on September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Americas Hotel. Jones joins a very prominent group of finalists that have been recognized by the publication's independent panel of judges.

Jones joined SCOA as Corporate Counsel in August of 2014 after serving as a Securities, Mergers & Acquisitions attorney at international firm Norton Rose Fulbright. At SCOA, Jones lends his expertise in transactional law and aides the company in negotiating and understanding the various legal arrangements that SCOA and its group companies are entering into. These arrangements can range from the terms and conditions under which products are bought or sold to more basic arrangements like leasing agreements for office space. Jones' goal is to ensure that the companies fully understand what they are agreeing to and are receiving fair and reasonable terms depending on the specific situation.

Jones is humbled by the nomination, stating "I was surprised because I wasn't aware that anyone at SCOA had previously been nominated for this specific award. All of our attorneys and business teams are very talented so it was only a matter of time before someone was nominated – I'm glad to have been selected alongside this distinguished group of fellow nominees."

Originally from Pearl, Mississippi, Jones received a Bachelor's Degree from Emory University's Goizueta School of Business and a Doctorate of Law from the University of Texas – Austin. He currently resides in the Houston area with his wife and daughter.

The Houston Business Journal's 2016 Best Corporate Counsel Awards honors outstanding corporate counsel in the greater Houston area, including the counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, Waller, San Jacinto and Austin.

Winners of this award series will be based on exemplary efforts in the legal field, depth of projects undertaken, insight into complex issues, pro bono work, communication skills and other factors.

**About Sumitomo Corporation of Americas**

Established in 1952 and headquartered in New York City, Sumitomo Corporation of Americas (SCOA) has 8 offices in major U.S. cities. SCOA is the largest subsidiary of Sumitomo Corporation, one of the world's leading traders of goods and services. As an integrated business enterprise, the firm has emerged as a major organizer of multinational projects, an expeditor of ideas, an important international investor and financier, and a powerful force for distribution of products and global communications through a network of offices worldwide. Its core business units include Tubular Products, Environment and Infrastructure, Steel and Non Ferrous Metals, Transportation and Construction Systems, Chemicals and Electronics, Real Estate, Mineral Resources and Energy, and Food.