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### **AOBA's New "Maverick" Award Honors Legacy of David Hillman**

Washington, DC, January 31, 2020 – A new award announced at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington (AOBA) will highlight key characteristics of AOBA's late member David Hillman, founder, chairman and CEO of Southern Management Corporation. The award will honor the memory of a leader who was noted for his exceptional and innovative commitment to both his industry and community. The winner will be an AOBA member who humbly demonstrates unwavering enthusiasm in identifying, researching, and solving a need; someone who meets challenges head-on, offers creative solutions, and inspires others to follow that person's example in pursuit of the greater good.

"David was the true definition of a maverick – a visionary, a leader, a teacher, and a champion of others," said Mr. Hillman's wife Suzanne Hillman, the President and CEO of Southern Management. "My family and my Southern family are so proud and grateful that you have chosen to honor David's memory."

Mrs. Hillman was joined in announcing the Award by close family friend, and Former Prince George's County Executive, Rushern Baker. "He was fearless for the right things. He was the best of what this organization wants the world to see. It's not just about making the best apartments; it is about making the best communities," said Mr. Baker.

Persons being nominated for this award will have consistently demonstrated compassion, leadership, and service, including during the current year. The charitable activities, events, or service listed on the application should go beyond the nominee's job description or duties. Nominees must be employed by an AOBA member company at the time they are nominated. The winner will be recognized for activities that occurred in, or continued into, the year when nominations were made. The 2020 nomination deadline is September 18.

Further information and a link to the David Hillman Maverick Award application can be found at: <https://www.aoba-metro.org/advocacy/aoba-launches-david-hillman-maverick-award>

**About AOBA**

AOBA members are owners or managers of commercial and multi-family residential properties, as well as companies that provide products and services to the real estate industry. Currently, the combined portfolio of AOBA's membership is approximately 185 million square feet of commercial office space and more than 380,000 residential units in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. Details on other AOBA news can be found at: <https://www.aoba-metro.org/aoba-in-the-news>

**About Southern Management Corporation**

Southern Management Corporation is the largest privately-owned residential property management company in the Mid-Atlantic region. The company owns and manages 77 apartment home communities comprising more than 25,000 apartment homes throughout the Baltimore-Washington region. In addition to residential property ownership and management, Southern Management owns and manages commercial properties as well as four hotels and conference centers. To learn more, visit [www.southernmanagement.com](http://www.southernmanagement.com).

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