

**Twinsburg, Ohio {January 5, 2019}** – Media Collections, Inc. dba Joseph, Mann & Creed, a collection agency that specializes in serving commercial accounts throughout the United States, today announced that it has successfully completed a System and Organization Controls (SOC) 2<sup>®</sup> Type II Audit examination for their Collection Operations System. Media Collections, Inc. dba Joseph, Mann & Creed retained [international business advisory firm Skoda Minotti](#) for its SOC 2<sup>®</sup> audit work. Media Collections, Inc. dba Joseph, Mann & Creed selected Skoda Minotti after an intensive search based on their reputation as a leading [risk advisory](#) and compliance firm.

Ben Osbrach, CISSP, CISA, QSA, CICP, CCSFP, partner-in-charge of Skoda Minotti's risk advisory group says, "We were excited to continue our audit relationship with Media Collections on the completion of their 2018 SOC 2 Type II. Bill and his team strive for improvement in their controls year over year; taking their responsibility for maintaining a well-controlled and secured environment seriously."

SOC 2<sup>®</sup> engagements are performed in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (AICPA) AT-C 205, *Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization* and based on the trust services criteria outlined in the AICPA Guide, *Reporting on Controls at a Service Organization Relevant to Security, Availability, Processing Integrity, Confidentiality, or Privacy*. The SOC 2<sup>®</sup> Type II report is performed by an independent auditing firm and is intended to provide an understanding of the service organization's suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of its internal controls. A service organization may select any or all of the trust services criteria applicable to their business and Media Collections chose to report on security, processing integrity, and confidentiality. The successful completion of this voluntary engagement illustrates Media Collections' ongoing commitment to create and maintain a secure operating environment for their clients' confidential data.

Skoda Minotti's testing of Media Collections' controls included examination of their policies and procedures regarding network connectivity, firewall configurations, systems development life cycle, computer operations, logical access, data transmission, backup and disaster recovery, and other critical operational areas of their business. Upon completion of the audit, Media Collections received a Service Auditor's Report with an unqualified opinion demonstrating that their policies, procedures, and infrastructure meet or exceed the stringent SOC 2<sup>®</sup> criteria.

"The successful completion of our SOC 2<sup>®</sup> Type II examination audit provides Media Collections' clients with the assurance that the controls and safeguards we employ to protect and secure their data are in line industry standards and best practices," said Bill Mann, Partner/CFO.

About – Media Collections, Inc. dba Joseph, Mann & Creed

Media Collections is a collection agency headquartered in Twinsburg, Ohio, that specializes in servicing commercial accounts throughout the United States. Most business critical systems and processes are conducted through the Brook Park, Ohio location.

About – Skoda Minotti

Skoda Minotti is a Certified Public Accounting Firm based in Cleveland, OH offering a variety of tax, finance, and business advisory services in virtually every area of business. The Risk Advisory practice specializes in SOC Reporting, PCI DSS Compliance, FISMA, NIST, and other regulatory information security assessments. Staff in Skoda Minotti's Risk Advisory hold several industry certifications including Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISSA), Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Qualified Security Assessor (QSA), GIAC Penetration Tester (GPEN), and GIAC Web Application

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