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Pamela O'Rourke honored with a 2019 Women Who Mean Business Award by *Houston Business Journal*

HOUSTON, Texas, August 7, 2019 — Pamela Chambers O'Rourke, Founder and CEO of ICON Information Consultants, LP, has been named as a 2019 Women Who Mean Business honoree. After reviewing hundreds of nominations, the *Houston Business Journal* named 65 women as honorees for the 2019 Women Who Mean Business Awards and 10 as Women to Watch.

"It is an honor to be included in this listing of Women Who Mean Business by the *Houston Business Journal*," said Pamela Chambers O'Rourke, Founder and CEO. She continued, "we appreciate the recognition by the Journal of women running businesses in the Houston area."

All of the honorees across nine industries will be recognized in a special section of HBJ's October 4 weekly edition and at an awards reception on October 3. The criteria for selection included career achievement, contribution to company and city success, community involvement and leadership.

O'Rourke and ICON, under her leadership, value giving back to the community. ICON has a long history of funding scholarships and mentoring through the University of Houston, hosting educational events, and providing college students with internship opportunities. As a female entrepreneur, you can find O'Rourke coaching other business-minded women on how to build businesses. In addition, ICON's executive team and employees are out in the community giving back through hosting charity drives, helping those at career transition points with resume and interviewing skills, and volunteering at local animal shelters. Furthermore, Pamela believes in helping female entrepreneurs achieve their career goals. Over the last 10 years, Pamela has contributed more than \$750,000 in sponsorships to Women Business Enterprise ("WBE") events, including at conferences, retreats, business fairs, and industry events. Pamela is a current Board Member of Women Impacting Public Policy where she gives her support to women-owned companies.

As a woman business owner and supporter of women's success, O'Rourke has received numerous awards. Under her leadership, ICON Information Consultants, LP, has earned the top spot as the largest woman-owned business in the area for three consecutive years. In 2011 she was inducted into the WBE Hall of Fame by the American Institute of Diversity and Commerce (AIDC). Other awards include the WBENC Women of Distinction (2017), WBENC WBE Star Award (2008), WBC-Southwest's WBE Advocate of the Year Award (2013) and WBE of the Year for the over \$5-million category (2011 and 2013); the WBEA Supplier of the Year (over \$10 million) in 2014 and 2010, and the WBEA Woman Advocate of the Year in 2009. ICON Consultants has been an active participant and supporter of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), a tremendous resource and a strong advocate for women-owned businesses.

A native Houstonian, O'Rourke received her Management Information Systems (MIS) degree from the University of Houston, where she was recognized in 2016 with a Distinguished Alumni Award at The University of Houston Alumni Association 62nd Annual Awards Gala. The award is presented to alums whose professional accomplishments bring prestige to the university. O'Rourke has received other business awards over the years, including the U.S. Small Business

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Administration's 2005 "Women in Business Champion of the Year" and the "Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year 2009 Award" in the Business Services and Staffing category for the Houston and Gulf Coast Area. She has been awarded annually in the 50 Fastest-Growing Women-Owned/Led Companies list by the Women Presidents' Organization and American Express since inception in 2005.

About ICON Information Consultants

ICON Information Consultants, LP, headquartered in Houston, Texas, specializes in identifying and recruiting highly qualified Information Technology, Accounting, Finance, HR, Procurement, "professionals" at all levels/skills. Their services include Human Capital solutions, consulting and payroll, as well as a specialized project management division. ICON Information Consultants, LP, has gained its superior reputation by focusing its efforts on excellent customer service to clients, timely and thorough responses and high values and ethics throughout the company. As a result, they have reached a "Top Tier" or preferred vendor status with most of their clients. For more information, visit www.ICONconsultants.com.

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