



OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS

Nomination Form

Nominee

Name: Kaleb Grapp & Aaron Lerash

Company: Grapp Lerash

Address: 515 North Washington Avenue

City: Saginaw State: MI ZIP: 48607

Phone: 989-327-1400 Email: kmgrapp@grapplerash.com

Year Established: 2018 Number of Full-Time Employees: 10

Nominator

Name: Lewis Kolak

Company: A Raymond

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City: Frankenmuth State: MI ZIP: 48734

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About the Nominee:

On a separate sheet, describe the nominee, listing how he/she meets the award criteria.

Supporting Documents:

Please contact 1-2 individuals to supply supporting documentation to accompany your nomination form. Support documents can take the form of letters, emails, news articles, etc.

Submission:

Return completed nominations by April 30th
Lisa Dobbins, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce
515 N. Washington Ave., 3rd Floor, Saginaw, MI 48607
or by email to lisa@saginawchamber.org

Nominations received after the due date will be considered for the following year.

It is with pleasure that we nominate Grapp Lerash for the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Small Business Award.

Grapp Lerash was founded in 2018 by Kaleb Grapp and Aaron Lerash, as a new, exciting CPA firm with a revolutionary culture and a purposeful decision to support Saginaw County and specifically the City of Saginaw. Headquartered downtown Saginaw, it has been our pleasure to watch this Firm grow from 2 owner-operators to a 2+ million dollar operation employing 10 full-time associates, all within the Saginaw City Limits.

Kaleb and Aaron's commitment to changing the landscape of the accounting profession, devoting a tax base and employment base to help reenergize the Saginaw market, and commitment to outstanding business practices have been the hallmark of Grapp Lerash and its service to clients. As an outsider, the growth of a firm in such a short period (3 years) seems to be completely unheard of, as other accounting firms toil 40+ years to achieve the revenue and credibility that Grapp Lerash has earned. As a many-year client of the Firm, we have experienced a service level we had not known in the accounting space before, and innovation like a centralized tax hub and in-time service delivery model that seems to be unique to these young entrepreneurs. Most notably, the culture and staff at the Firm are outstanding; the Grapp Lerash team is cheerful, energetic, and incredibly proactive, which we believe stems from the commitment of Kaleb and Aaron as proprietors to their team.

In summary, the commitment of Grapp Lerash, Kaleb, and Aaron to 1) the community by locating within the City of Saginaw, and through their involvement with many arts, cultural, and community organizations such as Positive Results in Downtown Saginaw, 2) their growing and expanding team by way of flexible work arrangements, investment in team education, and an outstanding culture, and 3) an outstanding small business that continues to grow and innovate, is commendable and deserving of the Outstanding Small Business Award.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Lewis & Lauren Kolak

(248) 804-2785

The Saginaw Club could not be more grateful for the efforts of Grapp Lerash. Their responsiveness and clear communication were the driving factors in trusting them to carry out the club's various tax needs. Kaleb has been an ongoing financial resource and consultant on all financial matters. His dedication and hard work were obvious on the receiving end, and the club looks forward to an ongoing professional relationship with Grapp Lerash.

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Saginaw Club
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