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2006 Top 50 Most Influential Collection Professionals

Steve Elliott, EVP, CIO of NCO was only one of an entire group honored in Collection Advisor magazine's "Most Influential Professionals in the Collection Industry" for 2006.

The announcement naming the honorees was made during a special awards reception sponsored by Touch-Star Software at the TECH'06 conference on the Grand Plaza at the Bellagio hotel in Las Vegas on Dec. 7th. This is the second annual recognition of this kind honoring members of the collection profession, and was a highlight of the TECH'06 conference.

"All professionals represent a selection of the best in the industry. They were chosen for their participation as leaders in the profession and for their support of leading-edge technologies, collection methods and years of insight into what makes this industry essential to commerce," said Executive Editor Scott Cytron. "On behalf of the magazine, it is my pleasure to bestow this honor on these very worthy professionals," said Editor T. Allen Rose.

Making the announcement for the awards was Harry A. Strausser III, president of Remit Corporation in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Strausser, former

chair of the ACA and emcee of the TECH'06, also was honored as one of the Most Influential Professionals, as were several others who participated in the TECH'06 educational program by speaking, chairing a panel or participating on a panel."



Many of the recipients were present at TECH 06 to receive their honor. "There was an air of excitement throughout the evening as recipients were honored for their accomplishments," says Strausser. "As one of those named, this is an honor I will cherish to be among a terrific group of professionals, I have known personally over the years and am proud to be among their distinguished company."

Collection Advisor plans to invite nominations during summer 2007 for its third annual Most Influential Professionals presentation. Anyone wishing to place a nomination may send an email to scytron@collectionadvisor.com. Congratulations to the Top 50 Collection Professionals for 2006. This year's list was compiled from collectors, creditors, debt buyers and others featured throughout the year in Collection Advisor, along with nominations from our readers. Hats off to each and every one.



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Philosophy: While technology can be an effective tool that helps us

achieve our individual and client goals, talented people and hard work truly make things happen.

Advice: Remember that the client is always right and treat the debtor as if they were a customer by being respectful and compassionate.

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