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“Best in Business Awards: Tortola Advisors”

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Top Local Executive: Steve Curnutte

Revenue (2015): \$1.8 million

Address: 500 Church Street, Ste. 600, Nashville  
TN 37219

Revenue (2016 Projected): \$2.5 million

Website: [www.tortolaadvisors.com](http://www.tortolaadvisors.com)

Employees (2015): 5

Founded: 2009

Employees (2016) Projected: 6

*Tortola Advisors provides special situation advisory services, restructuring help, strategic planning and general advisory services to a broad spectrum of debtors, creditors, investors and lenders.*

**If you could choose a Billboard as your company's theme music, what song would you choose, and why?** Todd Snider had a song called “Talkin Seattle Grunge Rock Blues” about a band that was so alternative, they refused to play music and became a huge hit. It was never on the Billboard charts, but should have been. “Silence, music's original alternative.” ... Tortola has the ability to look at things differently- much can be learned if you are willing to look in new places and in new ways.

**How do you celebrate company wins as a team?** At the core level, our business is a small group; we celebrate much like a family might, [with] dinner, laughs. At the broader level with subsidiary businesses, we celebrate with open houses or cookouts.

**If you had to choose one thing from the past year you would do differently, what would it be, and how would you change it?** Our investment side missed out on a few acquisitions of businesses because our advisory side was too busy. That feels like a big miss to us and our goal is to have more of a balance between the two this year.

**What one piece of advice would you share with other companies hoping to become a Best in Business honoree?** Think about how you are going to answer the question about the Billboard song – because it is like a litmus test. Can't mess that one up so don't even apply if you are not ready.

**Of the most difficult decisions your company has had to make, which has had the biggest results?** We decided to take a long-term interim management job for a company in Southern California. It was a tough choice- but in the end I believe it will be proven out.