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# Chris Silliman Receives 2011 DKI Spirit Award

**(Wood Dale, IL, February 7, 2012)** – Disaster Kleenup International (DKI), LLC, North America's largest disaster restoration contracting organization, today announced that Chris Silliman, President of First Restoration Services of Asheville, based in Fletcher, NC, was presented with the 2011 DKI Spirit Award at *Insights 2012: The DKI Conference and Tradeshow* in Austin, Texas.

The DKI Board of Directors awards the DKI Spirit Award to a member of the DKI family who, in the course of their tenure with DKI, has earned the right to be considered Mr. (or Ms.) DKI. Distinguishing characteristics generally include:

- Selfless giving of one's time to help other members.
- Actively participating in the daily life of DKI via service in chapter leadership roles.
- Encouraging prospective members to join DKI.
- Constantly suggesting ways to make DKI better.
- Unabashed promotion of DKI in the external marketplace.

"In terms of his own company, you will almost always find him or one of his staff members at virtually every DKI networking or education-oriented function, taking in as much information from the instructors and his peers as possible," said DKI president Dale Sailer, who presented the award. He is always an engaged participant and he takes advantage of everything DKI has to offer."

Silliman served as his chapter president for multiple terms and in other chapter leadership capacities. He has participated on industry advisory committees and shared his restoration stories with industry peers through articles in DKI's trade press. He has been available to his fellow DKI Members for advice and counsel, and has encouraged quality contractors to join DKI, and then helps to get them involved with the organization.

"The thing I appreciate most is that he is our #1 source for industry intelligence. Rarely does a month go by that our winner hasn't sent me an email with a 'did you hear?' or 'have you seen this?', or 'So and so just announced that.' The bottom line, is Silliman wants DKI to succeed and will do whatever it takes to make sure that it does," Sailer added.

First Restoration Services has been providing insurance restoration services to the Fletcher, North Carolina marketplace since 1987 and has been a Member of DKI since 1995.

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### About First Restoration Services

First Restoration Services has been western North Carolina's disaster recovery leader since 1987. Providing quality service with utmost integrity, FRS has executed over 5000 jobs in the past twenty years, along the way earning numerous praise and accolades from respected industry associations. First Restoration Services' commitment to speedy recovery combined with its restoration experience insures that a home or



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business will be back to normal with “better than before” results. For more information please visit [www.firstrestorationwnc.com](http://www.firstrestorationwnc.com).

### **About DKI**

Disaster Kleenup International, LLC, headquartered in suburban Chicago, is the largest disaster restoration contracting organization in North America. DKI Member Companies provide full service restoration to their customers: emergency response, water damage mitigation, fire and contents cleaning, mold remediation, complete reconstruction and much more, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. DKI returns damaged property to its pre-loss condition quickly and efficiently, delivering complete satisfaction to our consumer, insurance, and corporate customers. For more information about Disaster Kleenup International, LLC, visit our website at [www.disasterkleenup.com](http://www.disasterkleenup.com) or contact Michele Donahue at (630) 350-3000.