Recognize Your Outstanding Colleagues in Franchising!

If you know someone who qualifies for any of these awards, please let us know.

Congratulations to all of the most recent recipients!

**Lewis G. Rudnick Award**
The Rudnick Award honors members of the Forum who, over the course of distinguished careers as franchise lawyers, have made substantial contributions to the development of the Forum and to franchise law as a discipline - by publishing scholarly articles; writing or editing texts; speaking at franchise law meetings; serving the Forum as an officer, committee chair or member, or journal editor; and/or other recognized accomplishments as a practicing franchise lawyer - while comporting themselves in accordance with Lew Rudnick’s high standards of professionalism, decency and collegiality.

*2018 Recipient: Ann Hurwitz, Baker & McKenzie*

**Chair's Award for Substantial Written Work or Presentation**
This award will recognize a young and/or diverse lawyer who has published a scholarly article in *The Franchise Lawyer*, or prepared a paper and presented a workshop at an Annual Forum on Franchising. Factors considered will include complexity of the subject matter, competency of delivery, feedback from audience or readers, feedback from editors or program directors, and the relative experience of the author/presenter.


**Edward (Jack) Wood Dunham Rising Scholar Award**
This is a writing competition for lawyers who are 0-4 years out of law school. Qualified participants will prepare articles utilizing existing Franchise Law Journal author guidelines. The articles will be judged by members of the Franchise Law Journal and The Franchise Lawyer editorial boards. The Chair of the Forum will also be consulted and provide input on the selection of the winning article. The author of the winning article will receive the following: (1) the article will be considered for publication in a future edition of the Franchise Law Journal; (2) the author will be recognized and presented with a plaque at the Annual Forum on Franchising; (3) the author will receive a financial award to reimburse in part the author's expenses for traveling to the Annual Forum on Franchising for the award presentation; and (4) the author's registration fee for attending the Annual Forum on Franchising will be waived.

Future Leader Award
This award recognizes a young and/or diverse Forum member who has demonstrated a substantial commitment to the Forum. Factors for winning this award include: significant leadership efforts, such as mentoring other Forum members; work on membership, marketing or other outreach efforts; assistance with special projects or a Forum Division; or assisting with the Forum's annual meeting.
2017 Recipient: Nicole Liguori Micklich, Garcia & Milas PC

ABA Forum on Franchising Diversity Award
This award recognizes a member of the Forum on Franchising that has made a substantial contribution to the diversity goals of the Forum, contributed to Forum publications specifically highlighting topics on diversity and inclusion, has a history of attendance at the annual Forum meeting, participated in the Forum's Diversity Caucus and shown an interest in the mentoring of diverse lawyers.
2018 Recipient: Van Thiet Lam, Regal Nails Salon & Spa

The John R. F. Baer Scholarship for International Civility and Professionalism
This award will be given to a member of the Forum on Franchising who has demonstrated an interest in international practice in the field of franchise and distribution law and has demonstrated civility and professionalism in the practice of law. Applications should include: (1) a personal statement of interest and experience in the international practice of franchise and distribution law (which may include through writing or speaking); (2) a description of ways in which the applicant has demonstrated professionalism and civility across geographic borders; and (3) at least two letters of recommendation, which must include letters from practicing lawyers in at least two countries. This scholarship will provide for free tuition and a travel stipend of $1,000 for attendance at the ABA Forum on Franchising Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado October 16-18, 2019.
2018 Recipient: John Hamilton Pratt, Hamilton Pratt

Any Forum member who is or has been a Governing Committee member or ad hoc member (e.g., Division Director, YLD Representative, editor-in-chief of the Franchise Law Journal or The Franchise Lawyer) is ineligible to receive a Chair’s Award.

Nominations are due no later than July 26, 2019 and should be directed to my attention at ekarp@wkwrlaw.com.

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