

FORUM ON FRANCHISING INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Forum actively solicits your involvement in and contribution to its activities. These activities are not only a pathway to leadership in the Forum, but collegial endeavors that permit Forum members from all over the country—and the world—to get to know one another and work together in ways that build professional relationships and friendships.

FRANCHISE LAW JOURNAL

This scholarly publication is published four times each year. Each issue features an editorial, articles on franchise law issues, and a review and analysis of recent court decisions of interest to franchise lawyers. Articles range from 10 to 30 pages and include citations to case law, statutes, and other authorities. The *Journal's* articles have been cited in reported franchise law decisions and it is recognized as a foremost journal in the area of franchise law.

The *Journal* is headed by an editor in chief assisted by six associate editors and six topics and articles editors. Editors are chosen from those who have written for the *Journal*. Articles may be co-authored.

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FRANCHISE LAWYER

A quarterly newsletter that features four to six relatively short articles as well as a column written by the Chair of the Forum. Each issue also highlights past and upcoming Forum activities. The editors seek articles about interesting new cases, legislative and regulatory developments, and practice trends. Articles are less formal than those in the *Journal*, do not include footnotes, and often express the author's own viewpoint.

The *Franchise Lawyer* has a three person editorial staff and an editor in chief. It is a particularly good place to get a start writing for the Forum.

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INTERNATIONAL FRANCHISE AND DISTRIBUTION DIVISION

The Forum's newest Division, this group was formed to develop and provide expertise in programming and publications on international law topics. It welcomes participation by Forum lawyers interested in international practice and is anxious to develop a wider membership base. It provides networking

opportunities and sponsors a breakfast at the Annual Forum. It also produces and/or co-produces and provides speakers for various Forum workshops, intensive programs, and teleconferences. This is an opportunity to get in on the ground floor. The Division has a six member steering committee and is headed by a Director.

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CORPORATE COUNSEL DIVISION

Membership and participation in activities is limited to corporate counsel. This group includes corporate counsel from in house legal departments of all sizes. It provides networking opportunities and sponsors a reception at the Annual Forum. It also produces or co-produces and provides speakers for various Forum workshops, intensive programs, and teleconferences. The Division is run by a six member steering committee and a director.

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LITIGATION AND ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION DIVISION

This Division serves the Forum's members by producing and staffing intensive programs, workshops, and articles in Forum publications. Its cocktail reception at the Annual Forum, typically held at the end of the program schedule on Thursday, provides an opportunity for Forum members with a common interest to network.

The Division has a six member steering committee and a Director.

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SOLO AND SMALL FIRM NETWORK

The Solo and Small Firm Network ("SSFN") provides a collegial setting in which Forum members from small practice settings can exchange ideas, obtain assistance and suggestions from colleagues in like circumstances, ask questions about practices and procedures, both substantive and management oriented, and network. The SSFN is comprised of Forum members who are solo practitioners or partners, associates or of counsel in a firm of 10 or fewer attorneys or who are in a company law department of 10 or fewer attorneys.

The SSFN has a breakfast meeting at the Annual Forum and from time to time conducts workshops and intensive programs at the Annual Forum.

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FRANCHISE ADMINISTRATORS AND PARALEGALS GROUP

This group is comprised of franchise administrators and paralegals from law firms and in house settings that provides networking and focused educational opportunities. The group holds a breakfast meeting at the Annual Forum that features a speaker on a topic of special interest to franchise administrators and paralegals.

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MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This Committee provides the Governing Committee with advice and ideas on membership issues, including growth initiatives, identification of and outreach to members of underrepresented groups of lawyers involved in franchise and distribution law, and any other issues on which the Governing Committee seeks its advice and counsel.

The Committee is responsible for formulating and administering the Forum's membership survey and making recommendations to the Governing Committee for the Forum's strategic and long range planning initiatives.

The Committee has five members and is headed by the Forum's Membership Officer.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee is responsible for developing, coordinating production of, and presenting Forum teleconferences, webcasts, and similar programs. The Committee consists of five or six members and is headed by the Forum's Program Officer.

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PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Publications Committee is responsible for developing, preparing, and publishing books on topics of interest to franchise and distribution lawyers. Each member is assigned a specific task, usually acting as liaison for a particular book. The liaison is the Committee's contact with book editors and is responsible for keeping the project on track, interfacing with the editors and acting as the final editor of the manuscript. This committee is also the contact point for authors.

The Committee has 8 to 10 members and is headed by the Forum's Publications Officer.

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TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

This Committee explores and implements ways in which technology can support and facilitate the Forum's goals and initiatives. It is responsible for overseeing and developing the content of the Forum's website and Listserv.

The Committee has a fluid number of members and is headed by the Forum's Technology Officer.

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DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

This Committee's goal is to increase involvement in Forum activities and place on the pathways to leadership women and members of diverse ethnic and racial groups.

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