

FINEST LAW FIRM WINNERS SELECTED BY THE BURTON AWARDS



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New York, New York: The finest law firm writers of 2017 have been announced by the Burton Awards, a non-profit program, which is run in association with the Library of Congress, presented by lead sponsor Law360, and co-sponsored by the American Bar Association. The 25 winners, who will be presented the “Law360 Distinguished Writing Awards” on May 22, 2017, were chosen from the nominations submitted by the nation’s top 1,000 most prestigious and largest law firms.

The Academic Board, which reviewed articles published within the past year, was led by Virginia Wise, Chair; Jeanne Merino, Stanford Law School; Lindsay Saffouri, UC Berkley School of Law, William C. Burton, author and founder of the event; Judge Edward Forstenzer, Superior Court of California (*retired*); William Ryan, member of the Department of Homeland Security and former Chair of the White House Plain Language Committee.

The award ceremony will be celebrating its eighteenth anniversary at the Library of Congress, followed by a reception, dinner, gala and performance by comedian and impressionist Darrell Hammond. This year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will receive the “Book of the Year in Law Award” for her work, “My Own Words.” During the program, the Justice will be interviewed on the impact of her book.

The honorary and distinguished members of the Burton Awards Board of Directors include the following leaders in law: Former Chief Judge Richard Posner, 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; Judge Alex Kozinski, 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; U.S. Senator John Cornyn; U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.; U.S. Senator Mike Crapo; U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet; Supreme Court Justice Carol Corrigan of California; Yabo Lin, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP; Jane Sullivan Roberts, Partner, Major, Lindsey & Africa; Lisa Rickard, President, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Elissa Lichtenstein, Director, Public Services Division, American Bar Association; Thomas L. Sager, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP; Les Parrette, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer, Novelis Inc.; James M. Rishwain, Jr., Chairman Emeritus, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP; Betty Whelchel, Head of Public Policy & Regulatory Affairs, BNP Paribas SA; and Stephen R. Mysliwicz, Partner, DLA Piper LLP (US).

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“Clear, compelling writing is an essential tool for all lawyers,” Law360 General Manager Scott Roberts said. “Law360 is proud to be associated with these awards, which recognize the best of the best writers in the legal profession. We salute all of the winners and commend them on demonstrating these talents and sustaining such high standards of written excellence.”

The 2017 Law Firm winners are:

Law Firm	Author(s)	Article Title
Alston & Bird LLP	David A. Brown, Theodore “Ted” Schroeder, Valerie Delp	What Corporate Boards Need to Know Before Wading into Politics
Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo PLC	Nate Kowalski, Irma Rodriguez Moisa	The Cat’s Paw Doctrine: Declawing Summary Judgment
Baker & Hostetler LLP	Michael D. Stein	How Structural Claim Limitations Can Save Software Patents
Barclay Damon LLP	Robert A. Barrer	Careless Keystrokes and Bad Decisions – New York Law on Inadvertent Disclosure
Baron & Budd, P.C.	Scott Summy, John Fiske, Carla Burke Pickrel	Poison in the Well
Bowman & Brooke LLP	John Sear, T. Michael Pangburn	Anticipating and Avoiding Expert Deposition Fee Disputes
Butler Snow LLP	Kari L. Sutherland	Funding Litigation and Treatment: Leveling the Playing Field or Exploiting the Little Guy
DLA Piper LLP (US)	Mike Piazza, Jonathon Haray, Katie Ruffing	Defending Against Insider Trading Claims
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP	Benito Romano, Lauren Kaplin, Emily Feirman	Cross-Border Overview: Anti- Corruption Enforcement in Latin America
Grant & Eisenhofer P.A.	Adam J. Levitt, Nicole E. Negowetti	Agricultural “Market Touching:” Modernizing Trespass to Chattels in Crop Contamination Cases
Kelly Drye & Warren LLP	Givonna St. Clair Long, Randal Lehner	Top 11 Strategies for Avoiding Director and Officer Liability for Negligent, Unsafe, and Unsound Lending Practices
McGuireWoods LLP	Andrew J. Trask	Litigation Matters: The Curious Case of Tyson Foods v. Bouaphakeo

Mitchell, Blackstock, Ivers & Sneddon PLLC	David Ivers	'Conflict-Free Case Management' On Collision Course with Integrated Care
Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason & Anello PC	Edward M. Spiro, Judith L. Mogul	A Smaller World, but Personal Jurisdiction Still Matters
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP	Roberto J. Gonzalez, Jessica S. Carey	The Government's Making AML Enforcement Personal
Perkins Coie LLP	Laura Zagar, William Malley, Stephanie Regenold	Environmental Streamlining Measures in Title 41 of the FAST Act: What Will They Mean for Infrastructure Project Developers?
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	Norman Carlin, Brendan Hennessey	Adapting to Climate Adaptation: Implications & Opportunities for the Private Sector
Ropes & Gray LLP	Ryan Rohlfesen, Timothy Farrell, Dante Roldan	The Pilot Program in Practice: A Comparison of Pre- and Post-Program Resolutions
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Shana A. Elberg	Using the Bankruptcy Code for International Restructuring
Steptoe & Johnson LLP	Jennifer Quinn-Barabanov	The Supreme Court's 2015-2016 Term Marks a Turning Point for Class Actions
Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP	Joel Cohen, James L. Bernard	The Movie 'Spotlight' and Legal Ethics
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP	Melissa Sawyer, Charles T. Dowling	M&A Implications of Corporate Governance and Succession Planning for Family-Controlled Businesses
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	David Lender, Eric Hochstadt, Luna Barrington	Lower Courts Continue to Disagree on Concreteness Requirement Post-Spokeo
White & Case LLP	Richard Kebrdle, Laura Femino	A Solution For Competing Foreign Insolvency Proceedings
WilmerHale	Benjamin Fernandez, Mark Selwyn	Design Patent Post-Grant: Is Anticipation Easier to Prove Than Obviousness?

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WILLIAM C. BURTON, ESQ.

The Founder and Chair of The Burton Awards for Legal Achievement is William C. Burton, Esq., a partner at the law firm of Sagat|Burton LLP. He is a former New York State Assistant Attorney General, a former New York State Assistant Special Prosecutor, and is the author of the first legal thesaurus ever written for the legal profession, entitled BURTON'S LEGAL THESAURUS. The book is now in its 5th edition and quickly approaching its 35th anniversary. When the book was released, the Association of American Publishers recognized it as "one of the Most Innovative and Creative Projects of the year." In 2011, Mr. Burton was presented the highest honor given by the second largest association of law professors in America, The Legal Writing Institute, for "significantly advancing the cause of legal writing in the profession of law." More recently, he was awarded the "Blackstone Award" by the Friends of the Law Library of Congress, for "embodying and promoting the best ideals of the institution."