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# Meet the best and brightest attorneys in franchising

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Let's hear it for the 2019 class of Franchise Times Legal Eagles.

These attorneys live and breathe franchising and truly understand the nuances of this unique business model. That deep understanding is now more important than ever.

Looking around the franchise industry, it's hard to miss the dissent in some systems and also the extreme need for innovation. Both can put incredible strain on a franchise system. These legal professionals try to both prevent such issues, but also aim to work efficiently toward a positive resolution because they understand what is at stake for both the brand and the franchisee.

With a keen mind for both the legalese and business, they understand the gravitas of every single legal battle, every transaction and every document. That engenders a spirit of collaboration and efficiency among this tight-knit group of legal professionals.

No matter the issue, the Franchise Times Legal Eagles want to get it solved in a fast, cheap and efficient manner. Nobody lasts long on this coveted list while trying to make waves in a dramatic court battle or driving up hours researching franchise law. For business owners and leaders, having a knowledgeable partner with the business case top of mind is priceless—even when the bill comes.

This year, we dug into the two most pressing legal issues in franchising: the wave of franchise dissent seen among brands large and small, and the necessary updates and innovation that can get ugly fast. We also chatted with our 2019 inductees to the coveted Legal Eagles Hall of Fame and touched base with some of the newest Legal Eagles.

Congratulations to all our Legal Eagles and keep up the great work.

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## About this project:

This list of star legal professionals in the franchise industry is built with nominations and recommendations from clients, peers and other legal professionals. Hall of Fame Legal Eagles are lawyers who have been named to the list for 10 years.

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You are officially one of the best attorneys in franchising, congratulations! Your esteemed peers and the Franchise Times editorial board have dubbed you a 2019 Legal Eagle.

Please verify the information that will appear in the April 2019 issue of Franchise Times. Send any changes to Jenny Raines by February 12. Thank you!

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