



## The Burton Awards Announces the 2015 Distinguished Legal Writing Awards Law Firm Winners

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**New York, New York:** The finest law firm writers of 2015 have been announced by the Burton Awards, a non-profit program, which is run in association with the Library of Congress. The 35 winners 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, Harvard Law School; Philip M. Genty, Columbia Law School; Jeanne Merino, Stanford Law School; Judge Ed Forstenzer, California's Superior Court (*retired*); William Ryan, former Chair of the White House Plain Language Committee and William C. Burton, author of Burton's Legal Thesaurus and Founder and Chair of the event.

This year, our non-profit program, which is run in association with the Library of Congress, celebrates its Sixteenth Anniversary. The award ceremony will be followed by a reception, dinner, gala and performance by Emmy and Tony award winner Kristin Chenoweth. Additionally, we are honored that U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will speak, and Robert Katzmann, Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, will be a part of the program.

The honorary and distinguished Board of Directors of the Burton Awards program includes: Judge Richard Posner, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit; Chief Alex Kozinski, U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the 9th Circuit; Judith Kaye, former Chief Judge of the New York State Court of Appeals (*retired*); John Cornyn, United States Senator; Robert P. Casey Jr., United States Senator; Mike Crapo, United States Senator; Michael Bennett, United States Senator; Thomas L. Sager, Partner, Ballard, Spahr LLP, Les Parrette, SVP and General Counsel, Novelis Inc, and Stephen R. Mysliwiec, Partner, DLA Piper.

The 2015 Law Firm winners are:

<b>Law Firm</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Article Title</b>
Alston & Bird	Kimberly Peretti, Jessica Corley, Kelley Barnaby, Lauren Tapson	Cybersecurity: What Directors Need to Know in an Era of Increased Scrutiny
Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP	Peter J. Isajiw, John C. Vazquez	Cybersecurity Risks Reviewed: Directors and Officers Must Be Proactive and Prepared
Covington & Burling LLP	Simon J. Frankel, Ethan Forrest	“Why Should That Matter?” The Potentially Dramatic Copyright Implications of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Aereo Decision
Crowell & Moring LLP	Robert T. Rhoad	Ethical Issues Arising in Healthcare Fraud Investigations and False Claims Act Qui Tam Cases
Davis Wright Tremaine	Christin McMeley, John D. Seiver	A Look at How Technology Is Transforming The Application of the VPPA to Digital Media
Dickstein Shapiro LLP	James R. Martin	Fermat’s Principle and the FTAIA: What Courts Can Learn From Optics
DLA Piper LLP (US)	Philip F. Zeidman	With the Best of Intentions: Observations on the International Regulation of Franchising
Duane Morris LLP	Joseph M. Burton	4 Steps to Getting Serious About Law Firm Cybersecurity
Epstein Becker Green	Rene Y. Quashie, Ross K. Friedberg	Navigating the Telehealth Landscape: Legal & Regulatory Issues
Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto	Dominick A. Conde, Dennis Aeling	De Novo Review of Patent Claim Construction
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher	Marc Fagel, Lauren Escher	A Harbinger of the SEC's Tough New Approach to Public Company Reporting Fraud
Hollingsworth LLP	Donald W. Fowler, Richard O. Faulk	Federal Clean Air Act Preemption of Public Nuisance Claims: The Case for Supreme Court Resolution
Hunton & Williams LLP	William F. Brownell, Scott J. Stone	The Hard Reality for International Climate Agreements in the United States
Husch Blackwell	Edward Manzo	The Impact of the America Invents Act on Trade Secrets
Jenner & Block	Craig C. Martin, Sara Tonnies Horton	Patent Eligibility of 3D Printed Organs Will Soon Be an Issue

Kaye Scholer LLP	H. Peter Haveles Jr.	The CFTC Overreaches in Its Interpretation of the Anti-Manipulation Provisions Adopted in Dodd-Frank
Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP	Ted Davis, Jaclyn T. Shanks	POM Wonderful LLC v. Coca-Cola Co.: The Supreme Court Juices Up Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act
King & Spalding LLP	David L. Balsler, Johnathan R. Chally, Lawrence A. Slovinsky, Zachary A. McEntyre	Interlocutory Appeal of Class Certification Decisions Under Rule 23(f): An Untapped Resource
Kramer Levin Natfalis & Frankel LLP	Paul Schoeman, Eric Tirschwell	Separate Representation for Employees in Investigations: A Delicate Line
Mayer Brown	Mark Leeds	The Harder They Come: An Overview of Financial Instrument And Institution Provisions in the Ways and Means 2014 Tax Reform Proposals
McDermott Will & Emery	Joseph K. Urwitz	View From McDermott: What Private Equity and Hedge Funds (and Their Benefit Plan Investors) Should Know About ERISA
Morrison & Foerster	Christine Lyon, Melissa Crespo	Employer Access to Employee Social Media: Applicant Screening, 'Friend' Requests and Workplace Investigations
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman	Brian E. Finch	Series on Cyber Security
Proskauer Rose LLP	Ron Meisburg, Jon L. Duetgen	NLRB—Much Ado About Work Rules and Social Media Policies
Pryor Cashman, LLP	Todd E. Soloway, Joshua D. Bernstein, Eric D. Dowell	Enforceability of Indefinite Terms In Real Estate Contracts
Ropes & Gray LLP	Colleen Conry, Alexandre H. Rene, Anthony C. Biagioli	Trade Secret Traps for the Unwary: Potential Corp. Criminal Liability as U.S. Trade Secrets Enforcement Accelerates
Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP	Gary Stein	Pension Forfeiture and Prosecutorial Policy-Making
Sidley Austin LLP	Joel S. Feldman, Daniel R. Thies	Comcast's Lasting Impact: Crystallization and Affirmation of the Rule 23(b)(3) Predominance Requirement
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	Steven R. Glaser	Statutes of Limitations for Equitable and Remedial Relief in SEC Enforcement Actions

Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP	Steven W. Rabitz	DOL Re-Opens Brokerage Window Inquiry: Will It Clear the Air or Leave Participants in 'Pane'?
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP	Nicolas de Boynes	Exit Taxation in the EU After <i>DMC</i>
Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP	Glenn D. West	That Pesky Little Thing Called Fraud
White & Case	Stefan Mentzer, Priya Srinivasan	9th Circ. Made 3 Errors In 'Innocence Of Muslims'
Wiley Rein LLP	Ralph J. Caccia, Scott D. Delacourt, Gregory M. Williams, P. Nicholas Peterson	Telecommunications Industry in the Government's FCPA Crosshairs
WilmerHale	Amanda L. Major, Johnathan Uffelman	A Practitioner's Guide to Post-Octane Fitness Decisions: The New Landscape of Section 285 Attorney Fees

## **THE BURTON AWARDS PROGRAM**

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## **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

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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 in 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. He was recognized 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."