

# The Burton Awards Announces the 2013 Best Law Firm Writers

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**New York, New York:** The finest law firm writers of 2013 have been announced by the Burton Awards, a non-profit program, which is run in association with the Library of Congress. The thirty winners were, once again, chosen from the nominations submitted by the nation's top 1,000 most prestigious and largest law firms.

The fourteenth annual Burton Awards event will be held at the Library of Congress on June 3, 2013. The program was established to honor the greatest achievements in law. This year, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor will be presented with the "Contemporary Book of the Year in Law Award" during the awards ceremony. A pre-dinner reception, Gala and performance by Grammy, Emmy and Tony Award nominee Vanessa Williams will follow.

The Academic Board, which reviewed articles published within the past year, was led by Virginia Wise, Harvard Law School; Anne E. Kringel, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Grace Tonner, University of California Law School at Irvine; Judge Ed Forstenzer, California's Superior Court (retired); and William Ryan, former Chair of the White House Plain Language Committee.

The Burton Awards Honorary Board of Directors includes: Judge Richard Posner, US Court of Appeals for the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Judge Alex Kozinski, US Court of Appeals for the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Justice Carol A. Corrigan, California Supreme Court; Judge Judith S. Kaye, former Chief Judge of the New York Court of Appeals; US Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr. (Pennsylvania); US Senator Michael F. Bennet (Colorado); US Senator John Cornyn (Texas); US Senator Mike Crapo (Idaho); US Congressman Spencer Bachus (Alabama); Thomas L. Sager, Senior Vice President and General Counsel for DuPont Legal; and Les Parrette, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer for Novelis Inc; Keith C. Wetmore, Chair Emeritus, Morrison & Foerster LLP; Sabine Curto, Senior Director of Administration, Kirkland & Ellis LLP; Stephen R. Mysliwiec, Partner, DLA Piper; and Dennis Smith, Former Senator and Member of the Judiciary Committee, Missouri Legislature.

The 2013 Law Firm winners are:

<b>Law Firm</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>	<b>Article Title</b>
Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP	Steven R. Ross  Raphael A. Prober  Tom Moyer	Preserving Privacy Inside the Beltway
Armstrong Teasdale LLP	Michael Downey	Ethical Rules for Litigating in the Court of Public Opinion
Baker & Hostetler LLP	Lynn Sessions  Theodore J. Kobus III	The Anatomy of a Healthcare Data Breach
Bingham McCutchen LLP	Edward L. Strohbehn Jr.  Michael S. McDonough (Currently, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP)  William J. Squires III	Allocating Environmental Risks And Liabilities In Commercial Transactions
Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione	Jeffery A. Handelman	Stretching Trademark Laws to Protect Product Design and Packaging
Bryan Cave LLP	Scott Killingsworth	Modeling the Message: Communicating Compliance Through Organizational Values and Culture
Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft LLP	Adam S. Lurie  Daniel J. Mulcahy  Dean C. Berry  Mark P. Howe	FATCA May Open Pandora's Box of Civil and Criminal Tax Liability
Covington & Burling LLP	David L. Kornblau  Jonathan M. Sperling  Allison Lurton (Currently, Senior Vice President & Deputy	Market Manipulation and Algorithmic Trading: The Next Wave of Regulatory Enforcement?

	General Counsel, Futures Industry Association)	
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP	Roger G. Brooks	Licensing and Litigation Under the RAND Umbrella
Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP	George Kahale III	Is Investor State-Arbitration Broken?
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP	Ronan P. Harty  Jesse Solomon  Howard Shelanski (Currently, Director of the FTC's Bureau of Economics)	Merger Enforcement Across Political Administrations in the United States
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP	Paul L. Lee	The Source-of-Strength Doctrine: Revered and Revisited Part I and Part II
Dickstein Shapiro LLP	Mark Thronson	Avoiding the 'Murky Swamp': Patent- Eligibility After <i>MySpace</i> and <i>CLS Bank</i>
DLA Piper LLP (US)	Ronald S. Borod	Belling the Cat: Taming the Securitization Beast Without Killing It
Husch Blackwell LLP	David Steefel  Christopher Brady	The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction
Jenner & Block LLP	Gabriel A. Fuentes	Toward a More Critical Application of <i>Daubert</i> in Criminal Cases: Fingerprint Opinion Testimony After the National Academy of Sciences Report
Kaye Scholer LLP	Joel Moser	Money Matters: US Oil & Gas Infrastructure Investment Comes of Age
Littler Mendelson	Philip Gordon  Lauren Woon	Re-thinking and Rejecting Social Media "Password Protection" Legislation
Morrison & Foester LLP	Barbara Mendelson  David Kaufman	Learning Curve: CFTC Guidance on Extraterritoriality

O'Melveny & Myers LLP	Stanton Lovenworth	The New Biosimilar Era: The Basics, the Landscape, and the Future
Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP	Frederick A. Brodie Bruce A. Ericson	Five Tips for Avoiding Settlement Traps
Proskauer Rose LLP	Elise M. Bloom John P. Barry	Can An Employee Steal Social Media Influence?
Pryor Cashman LLP	James R. Klaiber Leighton E. Dellinger	Limiting E-Discovery in Intellectual Property Litigation: The International Trade Commission Follows a Warmly Welcomed Trend
Pullman & Comley LLC	Christopher P. McCormack	The ASTM Standard Practice for Phase II Environmental Site Assessment
Ropers Majeski Kohn & Bentley PC	Kollin J. Zimmermann	A Critical Analysis of the Competing Bases of Liability for Peer-to-Peer File Sharing
Shearman & Sterling LLP	Nathan Greene Robert Treuhold	JOBS Act: SEC Proposal Would Dramatically Expand Marketing Options in Regulation D and Rule 144A Private Placements
Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP	John H. Beisner Geoffrey M. Wyatt	<i>Wal-Mart Stores v. Dukes</i> : A Year of Substantial Influence
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP	H. Rodgin Cohen Glen T. Schleyer	Shareholder vs. Director Control Over Social Policy Matters: Conflicting Trends in Corporate Governance
White & Case LLP	Eric Grannon Nicolle Kownacki	Are Antitrust Violations Crimes Involving Moral Turpitude?
Wiley Rein LLP	Kathryn Bucher Jim Slattery Daniel P. Graham Kate McDonald	Supreme Court Affirms Opportunities and Uncertainties for Health Care Contractors

## **THE BURTON AWARDS PROGRAM**

The Burton Awards is funded by the Burton Foundation which is a non-profit, academic effort devoted to recognizing and rewarding excellence in the legal profession. Since its inception in 1999, the organization has focused primarily on the refinement and enrichment of legal writing. The program honors partners in law firms and law school students who use plain, clear and concise language in their writing.

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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 titled BURTON'S LEGAL THESAURUS (4th edition). The established reference tool is published by McGraw-Hill. When the book was released, it was recognized for being "one of the most innovative and creative tools of the year" by the Association of American Publishers. 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." Even more recently, he was named the "Blackstone Award" winner by the Friends of the Law Library of Congress for embodying and promoting the best ideals of the venerable institution.