

Soaring Above the Rest: Deborah S. Coldwell Named 2023 Legal Eagle for 19th Year

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Haynes Boone Partner Deb Coldwell has again been featured in Franchise Times' Legal Eagles listing of the top franchise practitioners in the U.S. This is Deb's 19th time to be named a Legal Eagle.

Legal Eagles are "star legal professionals" who have been nominated or recommended by peers, clients and the publication's editors, according to *Franchise Times*. "With a keen mind for both the legalese and business, they understand the gravitas of every legal battle, every transaction and the importance of every document."

"These lawyers live and breathe franchising and truly understand the nuances of the unique business model. In a world of chaos and uncertainty, these exceptional professionals are more necessary than ever," the publication states.

To view the full listing, [click here](#).

Deb represents franchisors, distributors, joint ventures, limited liability companies, partnerships and the individuals who run those companies in jury trials, bench trials and arbitrations. She has litigated across several industries – from hotels and restaurants to health clubs and tax preparation services to product and service-based franchise and distribution networks. Deb is skilled in representing clients in mediations and other settlement proceedings. But when litigation is inevitable, she is fully prepared to go to trial or arbitration and to fight for a company and its officers. To that end, in 2022, Deb successfully led a trial team in the Eastern District of Texas in a case for a national franchisor. She also recently tried a case with her team in bankruptcy court which ultimately permitted the sale of a franchise company.

Ranked nationally in Band 1 by *Chambers USA*, Chambers and Partners, 2009-2022 in the franchise law category, clients have described Deb as an "outstanding trial lawyer," "very poised, thoughtful and smart," and as "an especially good advocate."

In 2013, *Franchise Times* inducted Deb into its Inaugural Legal Eagles Hall of Fame, which honors lawyers who have been on the list for 10 years.

Haynes Boone's Franchise and Distribution Practice Group ranks consistently among the top global and domestic franchise practices in *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Global* and *U.S. News/Best Lawyers* "Best Law Firms." Members of the group have experience in-house with franchise companies and outside in the real world working in the industries served and seek to combine business skill and legal knowledge to balance the business objectives and economic expectations of franchise and distribution clients.

Haynes Boone is an international corporate law firm with 19 offices spanning Texas, New York, California, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Virginia, Washington, D.C., London, Mexico City and Shanghai, providing a full spectrum of legal services in energy, technology, financial services and private equity. With about 650 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based

firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. It was recognized in the BTI Consulting Group's 2022 "A-Team" report, which identifies the law firms that in-house counsel commend for providing superior client service.