

Flying High: Deborah S. Coldwell Named 2022 Legal Eagle for 18th Year

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PRACTICES Food, Beverage and Restaurant, Litigation, Franchise Litigation, Hospitality, International Franchise and Distribution, Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Media and Entertainment Litigation, Retail, Sports Law

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 18th 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 editors, according to *Franchise Times*.

"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.

Franchise Times asked some of the Legal Eagles to share franchising trends. Deb said: "Encroachment claims seem to be making a comeback. Even distinct brands under one corporate umbrella that should not be considered as competitors are now being forced to defend against encroachment claims."

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.

In 2013, *Franchise Times* inducted Deb into its 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 18 offices, spanning Texas, New York, California, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Washington, D.C., London, Mexico City and Shanghai, providing a full spectrum of legal services in energy, technology, financial services and private equity. With 600 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.