

The Award

The James J. Fuld Award is presented by the Working Group on Legal Opinions to an individual or entity that has made a significant contribution to the field of legal opinions in business transactions. The James J. Fuld Award is designed to honor and encourage individuals who write and educate in the area of legal opinions as well as bar associations, law firms and others who contribute to the development of the law or practice in the area of legal opinion. In the case of organizations, the award is given in connection with a project that contributed to the development of law or practice in the area of legal opinions in business transactions.

Background

The James J. Fuld Award honors James J. Fuld (1916 - 2008), a corporate lawyer of great stature who practiced in New York at the law firm of Proskauer Rose LLP. Mr. Fuld's article, "Legal Opinions in Business Transactions – An Attempt to Bring Some Order Out of Some Chaos", is the seminal article on the subject of legal opinions. Legal opinions were folklore before his article and after, they became a subject for intense study. Mr. Fuld had been a guiding spirit in the formation of the first bar-sponsored legal opinion committee, the TriBar Opinion Committee. Mr. Fuld understood the need for a national approach to legal opinions and took a leading role in inducing the ABA Section of Business Law to organize the Silverado Conference in 1989, which was the first attempt to forge a national approach to legal opinions.

Eligibility and Criteria

The James J. Fuld Award will be awarded to an individual or entity who has made a significant contribution to the field of legal opinions in business transactions. Both individuals and entities are eligible to receive the James J. Fuld Award. Past Award Winners are not eligible to be nominated again (see list of Past Award Winners on the next page).

2020 Award

The James J. Fuld Award will be presented in conjunction with the Fall Seminar of the Working Group on Legal Opinions Foundation.

2020 Nominations

To nominate an individual or entity for the James J. Fuld Award, please complete the following by ****Deadline date TBA****:

- Contact Information
- Narrative (one page maximum) illustrating the nominee's significant contribution to the field of legal opinions in business transactions. In the case of an organization, please describe the project of the organization that contributed to the development of law or practice in the area of legal opinions.

Please submit Nomination Form and Narrative to:

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WGLO Fuld Award Past Award Winners

2019 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – Gail Merel

2018 James J. Fuld Award Honorees – John B. Power and Robert A. Thompson

2017 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – Linda Hayman

2016 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – Steven O. Weise

2014 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – TriBar Opinion Committee

2012 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – James J. Fuld

2011 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – Jerome E. Hyman

2010 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – The Honorable Thomas L. Ambro

2009 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – Donald W. Glazer

2008 James J. Fuld Award Honoree – Arthur Norman Field

Contact Information for Nominee

Name of Nominee:

Address of Nominee:

Phone Number of Nominee:

For Entities Only, Name of Representative of Nominating Entity:

Contact Information for Nominator

Name of Nominator:

Address of Nominator:

Phone Number of Nominator:

Email Address for Nominator:

For Entities Only, Name of Representative of Nominator:

Nominee Narrative

On the following page, please provide a brief narrative (one page maximum) identifying the nominee's contributions to the field of legal opinions in business transactions. If the nomination relies on articles authored by the nominee, please email copies of any articles deemed relevant to the selection committee's deliberation to Pamela Lyons at info@wгло.net.

DEADLINE: Date TBA

