

## JOSEPH SCHUMACHER, EDWARD WOOD DUNHAM AND KEVIN KENNEDY NAMED TOP LAWYERS BY *FRANCHISE TIMES*

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Wiggin and Dana partners Joseph Schumacher, Edward Wood Dunham and Kevin Kennedy were named three of the top 100 franchise lawyers in the nation by *Franchise Times Magazine* in April.

“To sum it up, a Legal Eagle is someone who is intelligent, tenacious and knows the law and his or her clients’ business. But he’s also someone who has a highly evolved human side, with the compassion, personality and ethics that make clients and peers feel confident that they’re in good hands,” reported Nancy Weingartner, Managing Editor of *Franchise Times*.

Joe Schumacher is Chair of the firm's Franchise and Distribution Practice Group. Listed in *The International Who's Who of Franchise Lawyers*, Joe is counsel to leading franchise systems in numerous industries, including the automotive aftermarket and child care industries. He litigates and arbitrates franchise disputes, and assists both established and fledgling franchise systems with the creation and growth of franchise programs and with transactional and regulatory matters. He is a frequent author and speaker on franchise topics.

Jack Dunham, Chair of the firm’s Executive Committee, litigates and arbitrates franchise disputes throughout the country. *Franchise Times* recognized Jack as one of the 25 leading franchise lawyers in America, noting that he is “probably the world’s leading expert on arbitrating and franchise agreements.” He served as Editor-in-Chief of the ABA *Franchise Law Journal* from 2000-2003 and is a member of the ABA’s Forum on Franchising Governing Committee. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America* as a business litigator, and in *Chambers USA* as one of America’s leading business lawyers.

Kevin Kennedy has acted as lead counsel to one of the world’s largest franchisors in dozens of arbitrations, involving almost every conceivable franchising issue. He is an editor of the ABA *Franchise Lawyer* and was profiled by *Franchise Times* as one the top “under-40” franchise lawyers in the country.

*From its five offices its Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania, Wiggin and Dana represents national, regional and start-up franchisors and distributors throughout the country. We assist clients in every step of the franchise process - including regulatory compliance, business counseling, and alternative dispute resolution or litigation. We also offer expertise in related areas, including employment, antitrust, intellectual property and appellate law. Our lawyers are recognized franchise experts and frequently speak and write on franchising matters. In 2003, Wiggin and Dana launched the Franchise Law Blog, providing daily review and commentary on franchise news and legal developments. [www.franchiselawblog.com](http://www.franchiselawblog.com).*