

Law360 Hospitality Editorial Advisory Board

Law360, New York (March 10, 2015, 2:38 PM ET) -- Law360 is pleased to announce the formation of its 2015 Hospitality editorial advisory board.

The purpose of the editorial advisory board is to get feedback on Law360's coverage and to gain insight from experts in the field on how best to shape future coverage.

The members of the 2015 Hospitality Law360 editorial advisory board are:

Gary Axelrod, Latham & Watkins LLP

Gary Axelrod is a partner in the real estate group of Latham & Watkins and is co-chair of the firm's hospitality, gaming and leisure industry group. Axelrod focuses on complex business transactions in the real estate, hospitality, gaming and leisure industries. His clients include real estate private equity sponsors and funds, real estate investment trusts, institutional investors, operating companies and entrepreneurial developers.

William M. Bosch, Arnold & Porter LLP

William Bosch co-leads Arnold & Porter LLP's hospitality team. He advises hotel owners in connection with disputes, and has handled precedent-setting litigation involving hotel management agreements. An accomplished trial lawyer, Bosch has served as first-chair at the trial and appellate levels nationwide, and in domestic and international arbitrations.

Phil Gordon, Perkins Coie LLP

Phil Gordon focuses his practice in the areas of private equity, hotel transactions and management agreements, corporate mergers and acquisitions, and representation of boards of directors of public companies. Over the years, he has supervised the acquisitions, financing and management agreement negotiations of more than 75 hotels in North America and Europe. He has also advised sponsors on establishing private equity funds and has represented portfolio companies of the private equity funds. Gordon has handled numerous public and private corporate acquisitions and dispositions and has advised boards of directors and committees of boards of public companies on a range of topics.

Rick Kirkbride, Paul Hastings LLP

Rick Kirkbride is a partner and vice chair of the real estate practice of Paul Hastings. He represents institutional real estate companies and capital providers in the acquisition, development, finance and operation of hotels and resorts and other hospitality properties and businesses throughout North America, Latin America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Nelson F. Migdal, Greenberg Traurig LLP

Nelson F. Migdal is a principal shareholder at Greenberg Traurig and the co-chair of the global hospitality group. Migdal has been practicing law in the hospitality area for more than 30 years, and has extensive experience in negotiating management agreements. Nelson is an officer of the Academy of Hospitality Industry Attorneys, a member of the International Society of Hospitality Consultants, a member of ULI's Hotel Development Council and adjunct associate professor of law at the American University College of Law.

Aryeh S. Portnoy, Crowell & Moring LLP

Aryeh S. Portnoy is a partner in Crowell & Moring's Litigation Group in Washington, D.C., and head of the firm's hospitality practice. He focuses on complex cross-border and domestic litigation in U.S. state and federal trial and appellate courts, as well as international litigation and arbitration matters.

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Kimberly F. Rich is a partner at Baker & McKenzie. Her practice focuses on dispute resolution, including defending commercial disputes and class actions. She primarily handles complex disputes arising in the context of contracts, employment, trademark, unfair competition, consumer protection and federal statutes. She routinely represents companies in the hospitality, restaurant and retail sectors.

Rick Ross, Dentons

Rick Ross is the global chair of Dentons' hotels and leisure practice. Recognized as an industry expert, Rick advises clients globally on complex hospitality/leisure matters, including acquisitions/dispositions, corporate M&A, joint ventures, development and operations. He is a strategic adviser, providing expertise in all aspects of hospitality investments, management and operations.

Brian Schnell, Faegre Baker Daniels

Brian Schnell leads the Faegre Baker Daniels franchise practice out of the Minneapolis office. He counsels both emerging and mature franchisors in a variety of industries, including many of the leading global hospitality brands. Recognized nationally as a leading franchise lawyer, he is a frequent speaker and author on franchising.