



GRAMMY FOUNDATION®

*****MEDIA ALERT FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 6, 2015*****

GRAMMY FOUNDATION® TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORK OF PROMISING LAW STUDENTS AT THE 17TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LAW INITIATIVE® LUNCHEON & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION DURING GRAMMY® WEEK

ELI Luncheon To Feature Keynote By Congressman Jerrold Nadler And Service Award Presentation To Renowned Entertainment Attorney Russell Frackman By RIAA Chairman and CEO Cary Sherman

WHO: The GRAMMY Foundation® will present the **17th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative® Luncheon & Scholarship Presentation** featuring a **keynote address** by **Rep. Jerrold Nadler** (D-N.Y.). **Russell Frackman**, a partner in the law firm of Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp LLP, will be the recipient of the **2015 Service Award**, which will be presented by **Cary Sherman**, Chairman and CEO of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). The honor is awarded to an attorney who has demonstrated a commitment to advancing and supporting the music community through service. Other program participants include: **Ron Wilcox**, ELI Executive Chair; **Ken Abdo**, ELI Executive Committee Program Chair and top music industry attorney (Lommen, Abdo, Cole, King & Stageberg, P.A.); and **Neil Portnow**, President/CEO of The Recording Academy® and the GRAMMY Foundation. At the luncheon, a cash scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded to the winner of the **ELI Writing Competition**, and \$1,500 will be awarded to each of four runners-up. Additionally, all ELI Writing Competition finalists will receive airfare, hotel accommodations and a ticket to the 57th Annual GRAMMY Awards®, which will be held at STAPLES Center in Los Angeles on Sunday, Feb. 8, 2015, and broadcast live at 8 p.m. ET/PT on the CBS Television Network, as well as invitations to other GRAMMY® Week activities. The **ELI Writing Competition** is open to **law students**, who are asked to write a **3,000-word essay on a compelling legal issue facing the music industry**. **Competition rules** are online at www.entertainmentlawinitiative.com, and **submissions must be received by Jan. 6, 2015 (1 p.m. ET /10 a.m. PT)**.

WHAT: The **17th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Luncheon & Scholarship Presentation**, one of the most prestigious events held during GRAMMY Week, a celebration that culminates with the 57th Annual GRAMMY Awards. Established in 1998 to recognize and further the connection between the legal profession and the recording community, the ELI program seeks to address legal issues confronting the music industry.

WHERE: Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows
101 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica, CA 90401

PARKING: \$15 Valet

WHEN: **Friday, Feb. 6, 2015**
10:45 a.m. Media Check-in
11 a.m. Reception
11:45 a.m. Luncheon, Remarks and Scholarship Awards

The GRAMMY Foundation was established in 1988 to cultivate the understanding, appreciation and advancement of the contribution of recorded music to American culture. The Foundation accomplishes this mission through programs and activities that engage the music industry and cultural community as well as the general public. The Foundation works in

partnership year-round with its founder, The Recording Academy, to bring national attention to important issues such as the value and impact of music and arts education and the urgency of preserving our rich cultural heritage. In recognition of the significant role of teachers in shaping their students' musical experiences, the GRAMMY Foundation and The Recording Academy partnered to present their first Music Educator Award in 2014. Open to current U.S. music teachers in kindergarten through college, the second annual Music Educator Award will be given out during GRAMMY Week 2015. For more information about our music education programs, please visit www.grammyintheschools.com. For breaking news and exclusive content, please like "GRAMMY in the Schools®" on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GRAMMYFdn), follow @GRAMMYFdn on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GRAMMYFdn) and join @GRAMMYFdn on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/GRAMMYFdn).

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you are interested in covering any of these events, you MUST request credentials no later than 6 p.m. PT on Friday, Jan. 30. Credentials will be picked up at media check-in on the day of the event. MEDIA MUST BE CREDENTIALLED. All satellite truck/van parking must be coordinated no later than Friday, Jan. 30.

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