



GRAMMY FOUNDATION®

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

THE GRAMMY FOUNDATION®'S 17TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LAW INITIATIVE® LUNCHEON & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION TO FEATURE KEYNOTE ADDRESS FROM CONGRESSMAN JERROLD NADLER; RENOWNED ENTERTAINMENT ATTORNEY RUSSELL FRACKMAN TO RECEIVE SERVICE AWARD

Scholarship Program For Promising Entertainment Law Students Awards Cash Scholarships; Winners Present Papers At Annual ELI Luncheon During GRAMMY® Week

WHO: The GRAMMY Foundation®'s **17th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative® Luncheon & Scholarship Presentation** will feature 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 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 the 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**, and **broadcast live at 8 p.m. ET/PT on the CBS Television Network**, as well as invitations to other GRAMMY® Week activities. The **winners of the 2015 ELI writing competition** are:

Winner

Brian Oliver, University of Miami School of Law

Paper Title

"One Album Warrants One Award: Harmonizing The Copyright Act's Statutory Damages Schema With The Unbundled Recorded Music Industry"

Runners-Up

Laura Barton, Mississippi College of Law

"A Copyright Guide to the Remix App Market: A Balancing Act between Profits and Promotion"

Michelle Gilzenrat Davis, University of Georgia School of Law

"Introducing The Rightscoin: Using Block Chains To Track Copyright Ownership"

Joseph Pomianowski, Yale Law School

"Section 114(I) Of The Copyright Act: What Its Unhappy History Tells Us About The Digital Royalty Pie"

Bradley Ryba, John Marshall Law School

"iHeartgeo-Fencing?: The Section 114 Exemption That Could Help Create The Universal Sound Recording Public Performance Right"

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 the Music Educator Award, please visit GRAMMYSchoolTeacher.com. For more information about the Foundation, please visit www.grammyfoundation.org. For breaking news and exclusive content, please like "GRAMMY in the Schools" on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/GRAMMYintheSchools), follow the GRAMMY Foundation on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GRAMMYFdn) (@GRAMMYFdn) and join us on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/GRAMMYFdn) (@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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