



Press Release

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Judges Announced for 2014 Minnesota Business Ethics Awards

MINNEAPOLIS – The **Minnesota Business Ethics Award** (MBEA) announced the names of the 18 volunteer judges who will review entries to select finalists and recipients for the 2014 awards. Judges are drawn from a pool of past recipients, academic experts in business ethics, business professionals working as ethics and compliance officers, and from MBEA sponsoring organizations.

Award submissions are evaluated by MBEA judges in three company size categories: small (under 100 employees), medium (100 to 500 employees), and large (more than 500 employees). Entries are reviewed by a preliminary judging panel for each size category, and up to three entries from each category may be forwarded for review by the finalist judging panel. Judges volunteering for 2014 are:

- **Preliminary Judging Panels:** **Laura Dunham**, Ph.D., Entrepreneurship Department Chair, University of St. Thomas; **Mary Henderson**, Ed.D, Business Administration Professor, St. Catherine University; **Heather Hille**, JD, Corporate Counsel Director, The Toro Company; **Fran Lyon-Dugin**, MBA, Owner, Lyon-Management; **Jane McMahon**, Vice President, Chief Ethics, Compliance & Privacy Officer, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Minnesota; **Tim Murphy**, President, Murphy Automotive Inc.; **Debra Newman**, Founder, Newman Long Term Care; **Michelle Rovang Burke**, Director, The Veritas Institute, University of St. Thomas; **P. Jane Saly**, Ph.D., Accounting Department Chair, University of St. Thomas; **Cary Tutelman**, Ph.D., Founder, CJT Company; **Brian Volkmann**, CFO, Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union; and, **Alice Vroman**, Sr. Legal Assistant, Schwan's Shared Services, LLC
- **Final Judging Panel:** **George Boyadjis**, MBA, CPA, FHFMA, Corporate Services Director, Cresa Minneapolis; **Kathleen Edmond**, JD, former Chief Ethics Officer, Best Buy; **Michael Garrison**, JD, Associate Dean for Faculty and Scholarship, University of St. Thomas; **Dale Kurschner**, Editor-in-Chief, Twin Cities Business; and **Thomas Mork**, President and CEO, Lakeview Bank.

Celebrating its 15th anniversary year, the MBEA has recognized 42 Minnesota-based businesses, ranging in size from less than 10 employees to more than 150,000. Firms have included Minnesota stalwarts such as Best Buy, Toro and Great Clips, and less visible firms like Murphy Automotive and Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union. (A full list of past participants is available on the MBEA website, <http://mnethicsaward.org/past-recipients/>.)

The keynote speaker for the May 14, 2014 MBEA luncheon, Mary Brainerd, President and CEO of HealthPartners, is one of Minnesota's most respected leaders. The event will be held at the Nicollet Island Pavilion in Minneapolis.

More information about the MBEA can be found at www.mnethicsaward.org.

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