Preeminent Energy Lawyer Robert Fleishman Honored with the EBA President’s Award

Washington, DC. - Robert (Bob) Fleishman, a distinguished energy regulatory attorney with Kirkland & Ellis LLP and the long-term editor of the Energy Law Journal (ELJ) has been selected as the recipient of the Energy Bar Association’s prestigious 2019 President’s Award. The EBA President's Award is given occasionally to an individual that has made an extraordinary contribution to the profession or the development of energy law over a long career. Fleishman will be honored during a luncheon on May 6 at the EBA’s 2019 Annual Meeting & Conference.

"Bob’s dedication to EBA is unparalleled. He has served in countless capacities since 1995, his term as Editor-in-Chief of the Energy Law Journal being just one. I can think of no one more worthy of the President's Award. He truly has made an extraordinary contribution to the profession of energy law," said Matt Rudolphi, EBA President.

Fleishman has close to 40 years of experience counseling and representing high-profile oil, gas, electricity, and financial clients in regulatory, enforcement, compliance, transactional, legislative, and public policy matters. Prior to joining Kirkland & Ellis LLP as a partner in the summer of 2018, Fleishman was senior of counsel in the Washington, D.C., office of Morrison & Foerster LLP and of counsel with Covington & Burling LLP. He has a leading reputation defending energy and financial industry participants and individuals in energy markets against charges of market manipulation, particularly before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, and other regulatory bodies, and advising companies on the energy regulatory and compliance aspects of transactions and other energy market activities.

Fleishman began his career at FERC, where he served in various capacities, including in the Division of Enforcement. He served at Constellation Energy Group and Baltimore Gas & Electric Co. for over 17 years in numerous roles, including as general counsel and vice president for corporate affairs. Fleishman, a former EBA President, has served as the ELJ's Editor-In-Chief since 2005 where he has led the ELJ’s team of over 30 professional editors and 25 law students in producing a high quality, preeminent journal twice a year. During this time, he has been a dedicated mentor to student editors at the University Of Tulsa College Of Law, the FELJ's partner in producing the ELJ. Twice a year, he has travelled to Tulsa to lead workshops for the student editorial board to enhance their understanding of energy law and improve their writing and editing skills.
Fleishman's distinguished career in energy regulatory law has been recognized by Chambers USA, Best Lawyers in America, and Legal 500 US. He was named by The National Law Journal to its list of 2017 Energy & Environmental Trailblazers, honored by the EBA with the Paul E. Nordstrom Service Award (2016), and received the Center for the Advancement of Energy Markets Service Award (2005).

“I am deeply honored to receive this prestigious award, and humbled to be joining the pantheon of distinguished leaders in energy law,” said Fleishman.

Previous recipients of the President’s Award are:

2017            Robert R. Nordhaus  
2010            Richard D. Cudahy (Judge)  
2008            Richard J. Pierce, Jr.  
2006            Senator Pete V. Domenici  
2004            Charles B. Curtis  
2002            Stephen F. Williams (Judge)  
2001            Congressman John D. Dingell

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Media who wish to attend the award presentation or the Annual Meeting & Conference should contact Michele Smith at msmith@eba-net.org for a press pass.

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