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Okemos Law Firm Welcomes Experienced Franchise Attorney

John A. Forrest, a highly respected franchise attorney, joined Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC as Of-counsel. For over 35 years, John has concentrated his practice in the areas of franchise and distribution, commercial contracts, business planning, and corporate law.

Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes, PLC has one of the leading franchise law practices in the state of Michigan. With the addition of John Forrest, the firm adds experience to its franchise law team and now has the largest franchise law practice in the state of Michigan. The firm now represents over 40 franchise systems throughout the country.

John has over 35 years of experience representing and advising established and start up franchisors in all aspects of franchise, business opportunity and distribution law. He has extensive experience in drafting franchise and distribution related documents, including franchise agreements, area development agreements, agreements relating to the sale of company-owned stores and the purchase of franchise stores, finance documents, and promissory notes.

John has authored several published works including "Covenants Against Competition in Franchise Agreements" for the second and third editions of the Michigan Chapter of the American Bar Association Forum on Franchising, the Michigan Business Formbook for the ICLE, and several other franchise related articles.

Prior to law school, John received his Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction from the University of Michigan in 1977. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit School of Law, receiving his Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, in 1981, and his Master of Laws – Taxation from Wayne State University Law School in 1987.

“The team at Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes is proud to add John to our franchise team. John brings a career of experience to our practice and will provide additional depth and breadth to our



already extensive franchise practice. At the same time, the existing team at Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes will provide John's clients with additional depth and breadth to meet all of their legal needs. John's addition to the firm has great synergy for John's clients and the firm's existing clients. Without a doubt, with the addition of John Forrest to the Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes franchise team, the firm is the leader in franchise law in the state."