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Connecticut Movers: Managing Partner Connects With Education

Jennifer DelMonico, managing partner at Murtha Cullina, earns the School for Ethical Education's Ethics in Action award.

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Jennifer DelMonico, Managing Partner, Murtha Cullina.

Jennifer M. DelMonico, managing partner at Murtha Cullina, has been recognized with the School for Ethical Education's 2020 John Winthrop Wright Ethics in Action award.

An award presentation had been scheduled for May 6 during SEE's 14th-annual Character Celebration at Amarante's in New Haven, but the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated postponement. DelMonico was nominated for her commitment to ethics in her personal and professional life, along with the support she has given to the Connecticut chapter of Conscious Capitalism, an organization working to help businesses and communities reach their full potential.

The John Winthrop Ethics in Action award was named after SEE's founder and is meant to highlight successful and ethical community leaders as examples to students in the school's programs.

"I am very humbled to receive the 2020 John Winthrop Wright Ethics in Action Award," DelMonico told the Connecticut Law Tribune. "My father is a leading scholar in the field of legal ethics, and always instilled in my sister and me—as well as the thousands of students he taught over the years—the importance of honesty, character and acting ethically in every aspect of our personal and professional lives."

"Although many times I have not succeeded, I have done my best to follow his example by acting honorably and humbly, treating others with fairness and respect and serving the communities in which I live and work," DelMonico added. "Such qualities are not always valued, and are less often recognized, in business. I cannot think of a higher compliment than for others to have observed these qualities in me."

Prior to becoming managing partner at Murtha DelMonico worked as a trial lawyer in complex commercial litigation disputes for more than two decades, earning numerous awards. Her father, Thomas D. Morgan, is the Oppenheim professor emeritus of antitrust and trade regulation law at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

DelMonico congratulated students recognized this year as SEE top Laws of Life essay writers and Academic Integrity PSA producers, who also would have received awards at the originally scheduled May 6 celebration. "They will undoubtedly be part of the next generation of ethical leaders in our community," she said.

Ten student essayists from more than 2,500 Laws of Life essay participants from Connecticut schools were selected by professionals who volunteered to evaluate the top essays. The winning writers and schools include Baylor Anderson, Simsbury High School; Kylie Ballard, Griswold Middle School; Rachel Dingley, Rham High School; Alicia Erami, Rham High School; Gabriella Gjoni, Ansonia High School; Jiali Guo, Wilbur Cross High School; Hayden Saunders, Lyme Old Lyme High School; Elizabeth Steeves, Trumbull High School; Paul Zegarek, The Glenholme School; and Jay Zimmermann, Clark Lane Middle School.

The top three winning Academic Integrity PSAs were produced and broadcasts by students at Watertown High School, Wilbur Cross High School and Jonathan Law High School. Winning essays and PSAs are viewable online at [ethicsed.org](http://www.ethicsed.org) (<http://www.ethicsed.org>).

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