



ALFA International Named Joel Hlavaty as the 2022 Nathan Fishbach Attorney of the Year Award Recipient

During the ALFA International (ALFAI) Annual Business Meeting (ABM) in Dublin, Ireland, on October 20, Joel Hvalaty, a founding partner of Frantz Ward LLP, ALFAI's member firm in Cleveland, Ohio, was presented with the 2022 Nathan Fishbach Attorney of the Year Award for his outstanding contributions to the network.

The first recipient of the Attorney of the Year Award and its namesake, Nathan Fishbach, exemplified the best attributes of an attorney, an ALFA International colleague and a friend. Each year when the award is presented, the network pauses a moment to remember Nathan's incredible contributions to ALFAI and the legal profession. We are proud to honor Nathan by naming this award in his memory.

Joel, who focuses his practice on the representation of management in all phases of labor relations and employment litigation, continues Nathan's legacy of active network involvement and friendship. Joel is one of his firm's ALFAI contact partners and is the chair of ALFAI's Labor & Employment Practice Group. He also spoke at the 2022 International Client Seminar and the 2022 Labor & Employment Practice Group Seminar. As an organization, ALFAI would not be what it is today without dedicated attorneys like Nathan and Joel.

"Joel exemplifies what this award is all about – commitment to the continued excellence of the ALFAI organization and collegiality with all ALFAI members, clients and staff. I was honored to present this award to Joel, a consummate professional and valued friend," said Jessica Zaroski Bauer, ALFAI's CEO.

ALFAI congratulates Joel on receiving this prestigious award!