**Family Firm Institute Announces 2019 Achievement Awards in the Field of Family Enterprise**

The Family Firm Institute (FFI) has announced the recipients of the 2019 Awards for Achievement. These awards, which will be presented at the FFI Global Conference at the Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay on Friday, October 25, 2019, are as follows:

Richard Beckhard Practice Award to Ian Macnaughton, founder of Transition Point Coaching.

The Richard Beckhard Practice Award honors a founding FFI member and distinguished practitioner in the family business field. It recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of family business practice.

Ian Macnaughton, PhD, is the founder of Transition Point Coaching in Vancouver, Canada. Throughout his lengthy career in business and family coaching and in advising, he has helped build relationships and frameworks that keep families and their enterprises together to create a common future that lasts for generations. A member of a family company himself, Ian is an FFI Fellow and a member of the FFI Global Education Network (GEN) faculty.

Go to <https://www.ffi.org/awards/richard-beckhard-practice-award/> to see the complete list of recipients of the Richard Beckhard Practice Award.

Barbara Hollander Award to Dianne H.B. Welsh, Ph.D., UNC Greensboro

The Barbara Hollander Award was created to honor the late founder and first president of FFI by perpetuating her profound interest in family business and her love for education and learning.

Dianne H.B. Welsh, Ph.D., is the Hayes Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship and founding director of the Entrepreneurship Programs at The University of North Carolina Greensboro. An FFI Fellow, she is a recognized scholar in women-owned businesses and franchising. In 2015 she held the Fulbright-Hall Distinguished Chair for Entrepreneurship in Central Europe. With more that 150 publications in the field, Dianne is also the chair of the FFI Academic Awards Best Dissertation Committee.

Go to <https://www.ffi.org/awards/barbara-hollander-award/> to see the complete list of recipients of the Barbara Hollander Award.

**Interdisciplinary Award to Patricia Angus, CEO of Angus Advisory Group**

Established in 1999, the Interdisciplinary Award recognizes outstanding achievement in the advancement of interdisciplinary services to business families.

Patricia Angus, JD, MIA, TEP, is CEO of Angus Advisory Group LLC and an adjunct professor at Columbia University Graduate School of Business, where she is founding Managing Director of the Family Business Program. A recognized thought leader in multi-generational family governance and wealth, she has advised families with businesses, trusts, and charitable foundations for more than two decades, building bridges across disciplines through her teaching, education, and thought leadership. The author of *The Trustee Primer: A Guide for Personal Trustees*, Patricia is an FFI Fellow and a faculty member in the FFI Global Education Network (GEN).

Go to <https://www.ffi.org/awards/interdisciplinary-award/> to see the complete list of winners of the Interdisciplinary Award.

**International Award to STEP and the Business Families Special Interest Group (SIG)**

The International Award recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding achievement in furthering the understanding of family business issues which occur between two or more countries.

STEP is a worldwide professional association for those advising families across generations. It promotes best practice, professional integrity and education to its 20,000 members across 96 countries. STEP’s members help families plan for their futures: from drafting a will or advising family businesses, to helping international families and protecting vulnerable family members. STEP’s Business Families Special Interest Group marshals expertise, promotes best practice, and champions the family business area.

Go to <https://www.ffi.org/awards/international-award/>to see the complete list of recipients of the International Award.

**About the Family Firm Institute:**

FFI's mission is to be the most influential global network of thought-leaders in the field of family enterprise. We provide research-based learning and relevant tools for advisors and consultants, academics and family enterprise members to drive success.

Professionals, educators and researchers as well as family enterprise members from nearly 80 countries across the globe belong to FFI. Together they create the oldest and most prestigious multidisciplinary professional association for family enterprise in the world.