**Joann Needleman Receives Prestigious 2019 NCBA Donald Kramer Award**

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[UNIVERSITY PARK, FL] National Creditors Bar Association (NCBA) presented its 2019 Donald Kramer Award to Joann Needleman. The Donald Kramer Award, named in honor of NCBA founder Don Kramer, is presented to individuals whose efforts have made a substantial and lasting impact for the benefit of the creditors rights community.

The award was presented at the NCBA 2019 Fall Conference in Washington, DC.

About Joann Needleman

Joann Needleman is a partner in the law firm of Clark Hill PLC where she serves as the leader of the Consumer Financial Services Regulatory & Compliance Practice Group. Joann serves as a navigator to her clients seeking advice and guidance in the complex regulatory environment facing the financial services industry. She provides counsel, consultation, and litigation services to a wide array of financial institutions, law firms, credit reporting agencies, and debt buyers throughout the country. With extensive experience as a collection attorney, she understands the regulatory requirements expected from attorneys and non-attorneys in the credit and collection industry. A former member of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau’s (CFPB) Consumer Advisory Board, Joann has been able to provide her clients with useful strategies in order to prepare for new areas of regulatory scrutiny. Joann is frequently quoted in *American Banker* and *The Wall Street Journal* for her insight of the CFPB. Joann is a past-President of the Board of Directors of National Creditors Bar Association (NCBA).

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