

BULLETIN

A DYNAMIC AND EXCITING AWARDS PROGRAM SET FOR 2018

Editorial Note: In the first edition of our newsletter we hope to bring you up-to-date on our progress towards the Nineteenth Annual Event. We are excited about the next awards program and always welcome your input.

In 2018 we are planning, once again, to make many new strides and advances. In 2017, we felt our awards ceremony and gala was a widespread success as we held our largest program yet with over 400 attendees. We were truly honored that United States Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg participated. We were also proud that U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonya Sotomayor stopped by during the program, as well as Senator Jim Risch, Senator Joni Ernst, and Congressman Steve Stivers.

In 2018, we will offer an even more exciting debate, many well-known speakers on topical issues, and what could be the best and most dynamic show ever. We are looking forward to May 21, 2018 and hope you will join us.

The Honorary and Distinguished Board of Directors of the program includes: Former Chief Judge Richard Posner, 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; Judge Alex Kozinski, 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; U.S. Senator John Cornyn; U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.; U.S. Senator Mike Crapo; U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet; Supreme Court Justice Carol Corrigan of California; Yabo Lin, Vice-Chair of Program and Partner, Sidley Austin LLP; Jane Sullivan Roberts, Partner, Major, Lindsey & Africa; Lisa Rickard, President, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Elissa Lichtenstein, Director, Public Services Division, American Bar Association; Thomas L. Sager, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP; Les Parrette, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer, Novelis Inc.; Linda Klein, President, American Bar Association, James M. Rishwain, Jr., Chairman of Emeritus, Pillsbury Winthrop LLP; Betty Whelchel, Head of Public Policy & Regulatory Affairs, BNP Paribas SA; Stephen R. Mysliwiec, Partner, DLA Piper LLP (US); and Brian Cabrera, Former SVP and General Counsel, NVIDIA Corporation.



NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

An altogether redesigned and updated Burton Awards website is now live. The makeover was designed to provide an ultimate user-friendly format with advanced search, navigation and functionality. The new site allows for quick and easy access to essential information. Please see: <<www.burtonawards.com>>.

WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED FROM LINCOLN CENTER!

Through an enviable alliance with lead sponsors, Law360, The Burton Awards will be announcing the winners of the 2018 Distinguished Writing Awards live from Lincoln Center on "Facebook Live." The date for the live broadcast is scheduled for the end of February 2018. Mark your calendars for the live stream and let the countdown begin! Be sure to visit our Facebook page for updates of the upcoming 2018 Burton Awards Ceremony.



OUTSTANDING LEADERS TO SERVE ON LEGENDS IN LAW SELECT COMMITTEE

A PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE US CHAMBER INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL REFORM

The Burton Awards Program announced a new “Select Committee” to help nominate its general counsel who have an outstanding reputation in the legal profession and a demonstrated track record of addressing complex matters. Twelve Legends in Law are selected each year. The Select Committee will comprise of the following prominent leaders in law: Bruce Sewell, Senior Vice President & General Counsel of Apple; Leslie Thornton, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary of WGL Holdings and Washington Gas; David Leitch, Global

General Counsel of Bank of America; Jean Lee, CEO of the Minority Counsel, Brian Cabrera, Former SVP and General Counsel, NVIDIA; and Teresa Wynn Roseborough, Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary of The Home Depot. We thank Lisa Rickard, former Legend in Law and member of the Honorary Board of Trustees, and the US Chamber Institute for Legal Reform for their generosity in sponsoring the Legends in Law Program.

The Select Committee will submit nominees to the Legend in Law Committee, which comprises of

Co-Chairs Les Parrette, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer, Novelis, Inc., and Tom Sager, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP. Vice-Chair of the Program Yabo Lin, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP and Founder and Chair, William C. Burton are also members of the committee. As in the past, the Legends in Law Committee will make all final decisions in selecting this upcoming year’s Legends in Law winners.

A SUPREME IDEA



Lead Sponsor Law360 collaborated with the awards program to conduct interviews with four U.S. Supreme Court Justices, including Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg,

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Justice Stephen Breyer, and Justice John Paul Stevens (Retired). In these illuminating interviews, the Justices discussed topics as varied as the president’s wartime powers, their own decision-making process, the confirmation of the court’s newest member, and the void left by the death of Justice Antonin Scalia. When asked about the interviews, Chairman William Burton said, contains extremely “valuable, probing, and enlightening exchanges.”

Law360 will be giving to all Burton Awards winners, and friends, a special introductory offer. Contact Law360 Director of Commercial Operations Tim Donovan at tim.donovan@law360.com for more information.

FIRST OF A KIND: SILICON VALLEY MEETING FOR LEGENDS IN LAW

Thanks to Yabo Lin, Vice-Chair of the Program and Partner, Sidley Austin LLP, a Silicon Valley meeting is scheduled for the Legends in Law. Mr. Burton expressed his appreciation to Yabo Lin for being invited to the meeting during the Sidley Austin General Counsel Round Table in Silicon Valley. The event is scheduled for the weekend of September 29th.

FOX NEWS HOST, TUCKER CARLSON, TO DEBATE IN 2018 PROGRAM



The debate portion of the evening raises the Burton Awards to new levels as Tucker Carlson joins the fray at the 2018 awards ceremony. Tucker Carlson is the host of Tucker Carlson Tonight, airing on primetime on FOX, and founder of The Daily Caller, one of the largest and fastest growing news sites in the country. Carlson was previously the co-host of Fox and Friends Weekend. He joined FOX from MSNBC, where he hosted several nightly programs. Previously, he was also the co-host of Crossfire on

CNN, as well the host of a weekly public affairs program on PBS.

A longtime newspaper and magazine writer, Carlson has reported from around the world, including dispatches from Iraq, Pakistan, Lebanon and Vietnam. He has been a columnist for New York magazine and Reader's Digest. Carlson began his journalism career at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette newspaper in Little Rock. His most recent book is entitled, *Politicians, Partisans and Parasites: My Adventures in Cable News*. He appeared on the third season of ABC's Dancing with the Stars.

In this penetrating look at today's political climate, Tucker Carlson takes audiences behind closed doors, offering a candid up-to-the-moment analysis of events as they unfold. From a look at Congress and the agenda ahead for the next Administration, to behind-the-scenes stories from his time following Donald Trump and his campaign during the 2016 race for the White House, you can always count on Tucker for a witty, informative and frank take on the future of the Republican Party and all things political.

The **Rapid Fire Debate Committee** for The Burton Awards program includes: Co-Chair Stephen R. Mysliwicz, Partner, DLA Piper; and Co-Chair Paul Smith, Vice President for Litigation and Strategy at the Campaign Legal Center, Distinguished Visitor from Practice, Georgetown Law.

COMMITTEE ON THE MILITARY TO FOCUS ON THE ARMY

This year, Jane Robert's Committee will turn its attention to the Army. One distinguished member of the Judge Advocates' Corps will be selected. When the award for exceptional service in the armed forces was added in 2013, we were proud when the Judge Advocate of the United States attended the program to honor the awardee.

The **Public Service/Public Interest Committee** for The Burton Awards Program includes: Jane Sullivan Roberts, Partner, Major Lindsey & Africa; John Sorgini, Corporate Attorney and Military Commander, Air National Guard; Larry D. Youngner, Of Counsel, Tully Rinckey PLLC; William Ryan, Supervisory Program Manager, Transportation Security Administration, Office of the Administrator.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKER ON 2018 PROGRAM



The first Deafblind person to graduate from Harvard Law School, Haben Girma advocates for equal opportunities for people with disabilities. President Obama named her a White House Champion of Change, and Forbes recognized her in Forbes 30 Under 30. Haben travels the world consulting and public speaking, teaching clients the benefits of fully accessible products and services. Haben is a talented storyteller who helps people frame difference as an asset. She resisted society's low expectations, choosing to create her own pioneering story. Because of her disability rights advocacy she has been honored by President Obama, President Clinton, and many others. Haben is also writing a memoir that will be published by Grand Central Publishing in 2019. Learn more at habengirma.com.

SPECTACULAR PERFORMERS ON 2018 PROGRAM



MEGAN HILTY:

Megan is an actress and singer. She rose to prominence for her roles in Broadway musicals, including her performance as Glinda in *Wicked*, Doralee Rhodes in *9 to 5: The Musical*, and her Tony Award-

nominated role as Brooke Ashton in *Noises Off*. She also starred as Ivy Lynn on the musical-drama series *Smash*, on which she sang the Grammy Award-nominated “Let Me Be Your Star”, and portrayed Liz on the sitcom *Sean Saves the World*.



STEPHANIE J. BLOCK:

An actress and singer, Stephanie is best known for her work on Broadway. A two-time Tony Award-nominee, she was nominated for Best Actress in a Musical for *The Mystery of Edwin*

Drood in 2013, and Best Featured Actress in a Musical for *Falsettos* in 2017. She is also a five-time Drama Desk Award nominee.

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MUCH APPRECIATION TO U.S. CHAMBER INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL REFORM

The U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform sponsors the Legends in Law program. The organization seeks to promote civil justice reform through legislative, judicial, and educational activities at the global, national, state, and local levels.

Our committee members and committees include as follows: **Academic Committee:** Chair Virginia Wise, Retired Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School; William C. Burton, Founder and Chair; Judge Edward Forstener, Judge, Superior Court of California (retired); Jeanne Merino, Director, Legal Research and Writing, Stanford Law; Lindsay Sturges Saffouri, Lecturer in Residence, Advanced Legal Writing, Berkeley Law; The **Public Service/Public Interest Committee:** Chair, Jane Sullivan Roberts, Partner, Major Lindsey & Africa; John Sorgini, Corporate Attorney and Military Commander, Air National Guard; Larry D. Youngner, Of Counsel, Tully Rinckey PLLC; William Ryan, Former White

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