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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

In addition to the awards ceremony, a special luncheon will be held honoring the Legends in Law winners. The "Legends Luncheon" will be held in the Members Room at the Library of Congress the same day as the Awards Program.

## PROGRAM TO BE HELD MAY 20, 2019:

- Awards Program: 3:45 pm promptly, Coolidge Theatre, Library of Congress
- Reception: 6:00 pm, Great Hall, Main Hall, Library of Congress
- Gala Dinner: 6:30 pm, Great Hall, Atrium Level, Library of Congress
- Gala Performance: 8:30 pm, Great Hall, Main Level, Library of Congress

## SELECT COMMITTEE:

Bruce Sewell, former Senior Vice President & General Counsel of Apple; David Leitch, Global General Counsel of Bank of America; Leslie Thornton, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary of WGL Holdings and Washington Gas; Teresa Wynn Roseborough, Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary of The Home Depot; and Jean Lee, CEO of the Minority Corporate Counsel Association

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**LES PARRETTE** is Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer for Novelis Inc. He is

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