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ENTERING THE HOMESTRETCH FOR TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM!

This newsletter provides many exciting program details. This year's spectacular event will be held on May 20, 2019 at the Library of Congress. Once again, Law360 is the lead sponsor. The Twentieth Anniversary Program will be the biggest and best ever. We anticipate it to be completely sold out. More details will be announced in an upcoming newsletter planned to be released after the first of the year.



TYE DARLAND, GENERAL COUNSEL OF GEORGIA-PACIFIC LLC, TO BE HONORARY DINNER CHAIR



Tye Darland, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Georgia-Pacific LLC, and winner of

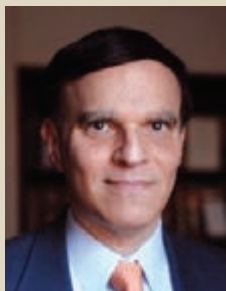
a 2018 Legends in Law Award, has agreed to be the program's Twentieth Anniversary Dinner Chair. In making the selection, Mr. Burton said, "We are very fortunate and delighted to have

Tye Darland serve as our honorary Dinner Chair. Tye is respected far and wide in the legal community. He is universally admired by his fellow colleagues. I am delighted and appreciative to Tye for serving in this position."

In 2006, Tye Darland joined Georgia-Pacific from Koch Industries as senior vice president and general counsel. Active in the Atlanta community, Tye serves on the board of Zoo Atlanta, the Federalist Society

and the Atlanta Police Foundation. In addition, he's a member of the Piedmont Healthcare Board of Directors and the board of Visitors for Georgia State University, Board of Law. He was appointed to the Judicial Nominating Commissions by Governor Sonny Perdue from 2008–2010 and is a past chairman of the AF&PA General Counsel's Resource Committee.

HONORABLE ROBERT KATZMANN, CHIEF JUDGE OF THE SECOND CIRCUIT U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, TO RECEIVE “TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY JUDICIAL INNOVATION AWARD”



Chief Judge Robert Katzmann will receive the Twentieth Anniversary Judicial Innovation Award during the May 20 program. The Award is given to an “outstanding member of the Judiciary at the federal level, who during the past twenty years has created strategic and successful programs which had a demonstrable impact on the field of law.”

Chief Judge Katzmann was selected for this award by Chairman of the Judicial Innovation Committee, Linda

Klein, who is the Senior Managing Shareholder at Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkowitz and Past President of the American Bar Association.

Robert A. Katzmann is the Chief Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. According to

William Burton, “Bob has one of the most impressive backgrounds with the most extensive experience that

has been recorded.” He became Chief Judge on September 1, 2013. At his appointment in 1999, he was Walsh Professor of Government, Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University; a Fellow of the Governmental Studies Program of the Brookings Institution; and president of the Governance Institute. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference and chairs the Supreme Court Fellows Commission.

NEW DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED



Chairman William Burton will now gain further insights and input as Mr. Parrette assumes the role of Deputy Chair of the program. “Les Parrette is an invaluable asset. We are all genuinely delighted that he will serve in this honorary post. Les is thoughtful, yet decisive. He is a

perfect choice and a seamless fit.” In 2012, as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer for

Novelis Inc., he was selected as a Legend in Law. One year later, in 2013, Les became Co-Chair of the Legends in Law program with Tom Sager, then General Counsel of E.I. DuPont de Nemours. Les Parrette performs a wide range of responsibilities at Novelis Inc., the leading producer of flat-rolled aluminum products and the world’s largest recycler of aluminum. Earlier in his career Les was a Senior Partner in the Kansas City-based law firm of Blackwell Sanders. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Juris Doctorate in Law from Harvard University.



Library Of Congress, The Jefferson Building



Legends in Law Luncheon, The Members Room

U.S. SENATOR CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, (D-MD), BECOMES MEMBER OF THE HONORARY BOARD



leadership and was elected by his colleagues to be the

We are proud that U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen has joined our Honorary Board of Directors. In 2002 he was elected to represent Maryland's 8th Congressional District. In the House of Representatives, he served as a member of the Democratic

Ranking Member of the House Budget Committee. Senator Van Hollen was elected to the Senate in November 2016. Senator Van Hollen serves on the Appropriations Committee; the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies; the Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; the Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development; the Committee on the Budget; and the Committee on Environment and Public Works.



Cocktail party in the Great Hall

U.S. SENATOR CORY GARDNER, (R-CO), JOINS THE HONORARY BOARD



the Foreign Relations Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific and International Cybersecurity Policy; the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; and the Committee on the Budget.

We are delighted that U.S. Senator Cory Gardner has agreed to join our Honorary Board of Directors. The Senator served in the Colorado House of Representatives in 2005 and then was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010. They elected him to the Senate in 2014. He is a member of the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee and Chairman of the Energy Subcommittee. In addition, Senator Gardner serves on

YABO LIN, VICE CHAIR, HOSTS SILICON VALLEY MEETINGS WITH LEADING TECH COMPANIES



Yabo Lin, Vice Chair of the Burton Awards Program and Partner at Sidley Austin LLP, arranged meetings for

William Burton and Burton Awards Associate, Hilary Maiberger, to meet with representatives of major tech companies in Silicon Valley during his firm's General Counsel Roundtable. During these meetings the team also met with Dr. Roland Vogl, Executive Director of CodeX and the Executive Director of the Stanford Program in Law, Science and Technology, and discussed the prospects and parameters of a proposed new Technology Award. Mr. Burton thanked Yabo for his extraordinary efforts to expand the horizons of our program. Yabo is a great asset for our program. I thank Les Parrette of Novelis, a Legend in Law and outstanding supporter, for bringing us together.



The Burton Awards Program in the Coolidge Auditorium

DYNAMIC NEW COMMITTEE ON “TECHNOLOGY ADVANCEMENT IN LAW AWARD”



Yabo Lin,
Vice-Chair
of the Burton
Awards and
Partner at Sidley
Austin LLP,
together with
William Burton

are forging ahead to establish a new technology award. The new award will recognize “a leader in technology, whose innovations profoundly benefit the practice of law.” The concept is the brainchild of Kim Rivera, Chief Legal Officer of HP and 2018 Legends in Law Award Winner. Rivera recognized the growing influence of technology in the legal profession and noted that innovative uses of technology within her own organization will transform how her team works. The Chairperson will work closely with expert Dr. Roland



Vogl, Executive
Director, CodeX—
The Stanford
Center for Legal
Informatics, to
find the first
recipient of the
2019 Technology

Advancement in Law Award.

PRESIDENT TRUMP’S PERSONAL ATTORNEY TO DEBATE



We are delighted that Jay Sekulow, personal attorney to President Donald Trump, has accepted our invitation to participate in the May 20, 2019 program to debate a prominent issue in law. The well-known lawyer and radio host has attended the Awards Program on two previous occasions. Co-Chairs of the Rapid-Fire Debate are Steve Mysliwiec and Paul Smith, who will soon decide on the likely opponent and the pressing topic.

As an attorney, Jay Sekulow has argued a dozen cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and appeared before the European Court of Human Rights and the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

As CEO for the American Center of Law and Justice, Jay oversees the work of other attorneys as well as government affairs and media professionals in a global organization. His daily radio program airs on 950 stations, and he regularly appears on major media outlets as a legal analyst.



Pictured left to right: Chief Justice of the United States John G. Roberts, Jr. with Jane Roberts, Chair of the Public Service and Public Interest Committee; 2018 Burton Awards, Washington D.C.; 2018 Dinner in the Great Hall.

TOM SAGER GIVEN HIGH HONOR BY WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY



Tom Sager, a member of the Honorary Board of Directors and 2010 Legends in Law Winner, received an Honorary Degree from Wake Forest University during this year's commencement ceremony. Mr. Sager, who is also Co-Chair of the Legends in Law Committee, received a Doctor of Law Degree for his commitment to "ensure that all voices are heard; for his early, powerful and influential work in making the legal profession more diverse; and for his decades of showing excellence in the practice of law." "We are truly fortunate to have the dean of general counsels as a part of our cadre and leadership team. Tom's influence on in-house counsel has been profound. His achievements for the profession are nothing short of remarkable. I congratulate Tom on receiving yet another accolade in his long list of prestigious honors."



2018 Dinner in the Great Hall



The Pan America Symphony Orchestra

KENNETH FEINBERG SELECTED FOR "TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN LAW AWARD"



Kenneth Feinberg, one of the most prominent and leading authorities in the profession of law will be given the Twentieth Anniversary Outstanding Achievement in Law Award. The award is presented to "one of the exemplary leaders in law over the past twenty years, whose contributions to the profession have been profound, whose leadership is acknowledged, whose reputation and professionalism is manifestly demonstrated." Mr. Feinberg's

many successes include overseeing the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, his role in the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund and handling of multiple high-profile cases including Agent Orange, a class action by 250,000 Vietnam veterans and their families against manufacturers of Agent Orange. Currently he is acting as the Administrator in resolving thousands of Church individual sexual abuse cases in New York and Pennsylvania. Mr. Burton said, "We would be remiss if we did not recognize and thank Ken Feinberg for his sterling career in law which includes a long list of admirable accomplishments."

BERNARD NASH RECEIVED LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FROM BROOKLYN LAW SCHOOL



Bernard Nash, who year after year has arranged for a prominent state attorney general to address the Legends in Law Luncheon, was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from his alma mater, Brooklyn Law School. The event was held at the Law School on June 26, 2018. Mr. Nash was honored for his career at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, his years at the U.S.

Senate, his pioneering work creating the country's first state attorneys general practice, and for his lifelong dedication and generosity to the Brooklyn Law School. Mr. Nash is co-chair of the State Attorneys General Practice at Cozen O'Connor. Mr. Burton stated, "We all congratulate Bernie on his success in establishing a highly regarded practice before the nation's attorneys general. Bernie has truly earned the esteem and admiration of the professors at Brooklyn Law School and in the legal community."

IDINA MENZEL TO STAR AT SPECTACULAR BURTON AWARDS GALA

Superstar Idina Menzel will perform on May 20, 2019. Mr. Burton stated, “I have seen her perform on a number of occasions and my fellow Long Island native explodes on the stage. She is a powerhouse.” Idina’s career is filled with many successes. With her breakthrough role as Elsa in Disney’s global box office smash *Frozen*, and singing the multi-platinum Oscar-winning song “Let It Go,” she made history as the first person with both a Billboard Top 10 hit and a Tony Award for acting. Idina earned her first Tony Award nomination as Maureen in the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical *Rent*, won the Tony Award for her performance as Elphaba in *Wicked*, and received her third nomination as Elizabeth in the show *If/Then*. Other notable roles she starred in were Shelby Corcoran, Rachel Berry’s mother, on the hit television show *Glee*, as well as starring opposite Susan Sarandon and Amy Adams in Disney’s *Enchanted*.



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOK BY BILL PRESS



CNN commentator, best-selling author, four-time Emmy Award winner, former co-host of CNN’s “Crossfire,” and the former Democratic Chairman of California, Bill Press, was the guest of honor at an event in East Hills, Long Island. The afternoon began with a reception, an introduction by William Burton of Bill Press, a speech by the famed journalist, and then a book signing. Close to 100 guests attended to hear about Mr. Press’s newest

book, *From the Left: A Life in the Crossfire*. His anecdotes about his career and stories on politics captivated the audience.

2019 LEGENDS IN LAW AND LAW360 WINNERS TO BE ANNOUNCED LIVE FROM LINCOLN CENTER



The winners of the 2019 Distinguished Legal Writing Awards and Legends in Law Winners will be announced live from Lincoln Center on “Facebook Live.” Once again, our Lead Sponsor, Law360 executive, Scott Roberts, and co-chair of the Legends in Law, Les Parrette, will star in the live stream. Scott is the General Manager of

Law360 and leads the Law360 and Mealey’s Legal News business.

SHIN LIM, ONE OF THE GREATEST UP CLOSE MAGICIANS EVER, TO OPEN AT GALA



Shin Lim, the 2018 winner of *America’s Got Talent*, will perform his magic at the Twentieth Anniversary

Awards Event. Shin Lim will perform his carefully self-choreographed routines combining dexterity, precision and, grace. He has distilled a lifetime of training into a devious display of dancing digits. Audience members have described his routines as nothing short of “mind-boggling and mind-blowing.” Tyra Banks, Host of *Americas Got Talent*, described his performance as “truly mystical.” Needless to say, the Gala is bound to be sold-out.

Mr. Burton said “I have never seen things disappear before. If only we could give him our bills.”

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