

# FINEST GENERAL COUNSEL SELECTED BY THE BURTON AWARDS PROGRAM

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**New York, New York:** The Burton Awards, a national 501(c)(3) non-profit program, which is run in association with the Library of Congress, presented by lead sponsor Law360, and co-sponsored by the American Bar Association, released its list of general counsel who will be named as 2021 Legends in Law. This year the Program will be held on October 18, 2021, at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Tom Sager, Partner at Ballard Spahr; Les Parrette, Former General Counsel, Novelis; and Yabo Lin, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP, who co-chair the Legends in Law Committee stated: “All the winners passed the strictest scrutiny. The general counsel were evaluated based on: an outstanding reputation in the legal profession and a demonstrated track record of addressing complex matters of national or global significance in a specialized area. The honorees have also evidenced leadership, creativity and a uniqueness in approach to resolving challenges confronting their corporate clients. Finally, they are highly respected by the bench and bar for their integrity and professionalism.” Lisa Rickard, Counselor to the President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the sponsor of the Legends in Law event said, “The winners are truly impressive. They set even higher standards because of their excellent records of accomplishments”

After the awards program a Gala will be held, including a reception with an orchestra. After dinner a performance will be held by singer, songwriter, actor and author, Sara Bareilles, and world-class entertainer and mentalist, Oz Pearlman.

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The following General Counsel will be named Legends in Law:

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Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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**Mark Brazeal**

Chief Legal Officer

CPP Investments

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Corporation Service Company

**George A. Massih III**

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Eaton Corporation

**April Miller Boise**

Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Counsel

Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated

**Alan K. Tse**

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Liberty Mutual Insurance

**James Kelleher**

Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

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**Lori A. Schechter**

Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel

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**Laura Stein**

Executive Vice President, Corporate Legal Affairs and General Counsel

Pfizer

**Doug Lankler**

Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Southern Company

**James Y. Kerr II**

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer

Syneos Health

**Jonathan Olefson**

General Counsel and Secretary

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**Deborah P. Majoras**

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The Founder and Chair of The Burton Awards for Legal Achievement is William C. Burton, Esq., a partner at the law firm of Sagat|Burton LLP. He is a former New York State Assistant Attorney General, a former New York State Assistant Special Prosecutor, and is the author of the first legal thesaurus ever written for the legal profession, entitled *Burton's Legal Thesaurus*. The book is now in its 6<sup>th</sup> edition and quickly approaching its 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary. When the book was released, the Association of American Publishers recognized it as "one of the Most innovative and creative projects of the year." In 2011, Mr. Burton was presented the highest honor given by the second largest association of law professors in America, The Legal Writing Institute, for "significantly advancing the cause of legal writing in the profession of law." More recently, he was awarded the "Blackstone Award" by the Friends of the Law Library of Congress, for "embodying and promoting the best ideals of the institution." In 2017, The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for Legal Reform Individual Achievement Award was presented to Mr. Burton for making the U.S. Justice System "fairer for all."