

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 “Legends in Law.” This year the program will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.

Tom Sager, former General Counsel of E.I. DuPont de Nemours; Les Parrette, former Chief Legal Officer of Novelis; Yabo Lin, Partner at Sidley Austin LLP; Justin M. Miller, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Avantor and William Burton, Founder and Chair, of The Burton Awards; who co-chair the Legends in Law Committee stated that “all the winners passed the strictest scrutiny.” The general counsel were evaluated based on “being highly respected by the bench and bar for integrity and professionalism; having a demonstrated track record of addressing complex matters of national or global significance in a specialized area; and being acknowledged as having a proven record of creativity and uniqueness in resolving challenges.”

The “Legends in Law Select Committee” is comprised of Tye G. Darland, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Georgia-Pacific LLC; Jean Lee, President and CEO of Minority Corporate Counsel Association; and R. Hewitt Pate, Vice President and General Counsel of Chevron Corporation.

After the awards program, a gala will be held, including a reception with an orchestra. After dinner, there will be a performance by comedian and late-night talk show host, Seth Meyers.

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Anne Robinson
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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William C. Burton is a partner at Sagat | Burton LLP, New York. He is the Founder and Chairman of the Burton Awards Program. He has served as a New York State Assistant Attorney General and an Assistant New York State Special Prosecutor. For fifteen years, he was the Director of Government Affairs for Continental Insurance, then one of the largest international insurance companies. He is the author of "Burton's Legal Thesaurus," the first and only reference book of its kind written for the legal profession. The book is now in its sixth edition. When it was published forty-one years ago, Mr. Burton was given a prestigious award by the Association of American Publishers which declared the book "One of the most Creative and Innovative Projects of the Year." In 1999, Mr. Burton created the Burton Foundation and established the non-profit Burton Awards Program with the initial goal of encouraging clear and comprehensive legal writing and rewarding other monumental achievements in law. In 2010, Mr. Burton was awarded the prestigious Golden Pen Award by the Legal Writing Institute, the second largest organization of law professors in the United States with 3,000 members. The honor was given for his advocacy and impact on legal writing. Later in 2011, he was presented the "Blackstone Award" by the Friends of the Law Library of Congress for embodying and promoting the best ideals of the venerable institution. He was a Legal Reform Award recipient from the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform in the fall of 2017. In 2022 he was named to the Hofstra Law School Hall of Fame.