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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 the same day as the Awards Program in Washington, D.C.

PROGRAM TO BE HELD JUNE 12, 2023:

- Legends in Law Luncheon: 11:30 am
- Awards Program: 3:45 pm
- Reception: 6:00 pm
- Gala Dinner: 6:30 pm
- Gala Performance: 8:30 pm

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Thomas L. Sager is a former Senior Counsel at Ballard Spahr. He began his career with E.I. DuPont de Nemours

as an attorney in the Labor, Benefits & Corporate Security Group and spent more than a decade as chief litigation counsel before being named Senior Vice President and General Counsel in 2008. During his tenure, he oversaw significant litigation involving governmental investigations, product liability, environmental, toxic tort, labor and employment, securities, antitrust, and tax.

Mr. Sager was a strong and early proponent of diversity in the legal profession. He helped pioneer the DuPont Convergence and Law Firm Partnering Program, which redefined the way in which law firms measure success, encourage creativity and collaboration, increase efficiency, and retain and promote women and minorities.



Les Parrette is President of One Page Thinking, an innovative data visualization firm he founded. He is also

an independent director of Innospec Inc. He has enjoyed a distinguished 35-year career as a Big Law partner, chief legal officer of three global industrial companies, entrepreneur, and mentor to students and young professionals. He spent 20 years as the chief legal officer of Novelis Inc., WESCO International, Inc., and Aquila, Inc. Prior to moving in-house, he spent 14 years in private practice as a commercial and corporate transactional attorney, including as a senior partner in the Kansas City-based law firm of Blackwell Sanders. Mr. Parrette was recognized as a “Legend in Law” in 2012. He is also a recipient of the Corporate Counsel Lifetime Achievement Award awarded by the Atlanta Business Chronicle (2021). Mr. Parrette holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Juris Doctorate in Law from Harvard University.



Yabo Lin is a partner at Sidley Austin LLP. He counsels both U.S. and international clients on corporate matters,

including mergers and acquisitions. His experience covers a wide range of industries, including information technology, e-commerce, fintech, biotech, and manufacturing. In 2006, Yabo received the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association’s (NAPABA) highest honor, the Trailblazer Award, for “making substantial and lasting contributions to the Asian Pacific American Community.” He is a board member of pro bono organizations the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley and the Tahirih Justice Center. Yabo also serves on the advisory boards of the Stanford Program in Law, Science and Technology and the Asia Society - Northern California. Yabo received his J.D. degree from Washington University in St. Louis and B.A. degree from Fudan University in Shanghai.

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