

FINEST GENERAL COUNSEL IN THE NATION SELECTED BY THE BURTON AWARDS PROGRAM

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New York, New York: The Burton Awards Program, a national 501(c)(3) non-profit effort, 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 outstanding general counsel who will be named as “Legends in Law.” The Legends in Law Awards are sponsored by the U.S Chamber Institute for Legal Reform. This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the program which will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

The “Legends in Law Select Committee” is comprised of Les Parrette, President of One Page Thinking, LLC and former Chief Legal Officer of Novelis; Tye G. Darland, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Georgia-Pacific LLC; Jean Lee, President and CEO of Minority Corporate Counsel Association; R. Hewitt Pate, Vice President and General Counsel of Chevron Corporation, Harold Kim, Chief Legal Officer and Executive Vice President, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and President, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform (ILR); and William Burton, Founder and Chair, of The Burton Awards.

The general counsel were judged on the following standards: “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.”

During the awards ceremony, CNN news anchor, Chris Wallace will be the Master of Ceremonies. After dinner, Tony Award-winning artist Idina Menzel will perform.

Mr. Burton, Founder and Chair of the national awards program said “the 2024 Legends in Law are luminaries who have truly distinguished themselves in the profession of law. They have all earned the honor by being both outstanding and exemplary.”

The following General Counsel will be honored as 2024 Legends in Law:

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Perry Siatis
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Carrier

Kevin O'Connor
Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

Cruise LLC

Jeff Bleich
Former Chief Legal Officer

Endeavor and TKO

Seth Krauss
Chief Legal and Administrative Officer of TKO
Chief Administrative Officer & Senior Counsel to the Board of Directors and Senior Management
at Endeavor

Intuit

Kerry McLean
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Lincoln Financial

Craig T. Beazer
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Microsoft

Hossein Nowbar
Chief Legal Officer

Packaging Corporation of America

Kent Pflederer
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

State Farm

Steve McManus
Chief Legal Officer

TPG

Bradford Berenson
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Walmart

Rachel Brand
Executive Vice President of Global Governance, Chief Legal Officer, and Corporate Secretary

THE BURTON AWARDS

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WILLIAM C. BURTON, ESQ., CHAIRMAN

William C. Burton is a partner at Sagat | Burton LLP, New York. He is the Founder and Chairman of the Burton Awards Program. He is also the Founder and Chair of the Burton Foundation for Legal Achievement, which funds the 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 Innovate 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 and in 2024 he was awarded the ABA Presidential Citation.