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Burton Awards Annual Awards Program and Gala: The Burton Awards for Legal Achievement, held in Association with the Library of Congress, and Co-Sponsored by the American Bar Association, is an academic, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) foundation, formed in 1999.

Date: Monday, May 22, 2017.

Legends in Law Luncheon: Members Room, 12:00 p.m.

Burton Awards: Coolidge Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception: Great Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Gala/Dinner: Great Hall, Atrium Level, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Nature of Burton Awards: The awards program is designed to reward major achievements in the law, ranging from literary awards to the greatest reform in law. The awards are selected by professors from Yale Law School, Harvard Law School, UC Berkeley School of Law, and Stanford Law School, among others. The members of the Honorary Board of Trustees are Former Chief Judge Richard Posner, 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; Judge Alex Kozinski, 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; U.S. Senator John Cornyn; U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.; U.S. Senator Mike Crapo; U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet; Supreme Court Justice Carol Corrigan of California; Yabo Lin, Partner, Sidley Austin LLP; Jane Sullivan Roberts, Partner, Major, Lindsey & Africa; Lisa Rickard, President, U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform; Elissa Lichtenstein, Director, Public Services Division, American Bar Association; Thomas L. Sager, Partner, Ballard Spahr LLP; Les Parrette, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Compliance Officer, Novelis Inc.; James M. Rishwain, Jr., Chairman of Emeritus, Pillsbury Winthrop LLP; Betty Whelchel, Head of Public Policy & Regulatory Affairs, BNP Paribas SA; and Stephen R. Mysliwiec, Partner, DLA Piper LLP (US).

Event Venue: Library of Congress, Coolidge Auditorium and Great Hall
10 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C.

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Vice Chair: Yabo Lin

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Title: Associate Director

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Approximate size/description of the audience: 500 guests



What is the proper attire? Black tie.

Who is performing? Darrell Hammond, Impressionist & Comedian from Saturday Night Live

Legend in Law Selection Committee

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The Burton Foundation

The Burton Foundation is a nonprofit, cultural and academic organization devoted to further promoting the performance and stature of the legal profession.

About the Chairman

The Founder and Chair of The Burton Awards for Legal Achievement is William C. Burton, Esq., a partner in 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 the author of the first legal thesaurus ever written for the profession of law, BURTON'S LEGAL THESAURUS (5th edition), published by McGraw-Hill. He was presented the highest honor given by The Legal Writing Institute, for "significantly advancing the cause of legal writing in the profession of law." In addition, the Law Library of Congress presented Burton with the "Blackstone Award" for exemplifying the best objectives of the Law Library of Congress and advancing the mission and activities of the Law Library of Congress.

May 3, 2017

Hon. Scott Pruitt
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: National Awards Program, May 22, 2017, Library of Congress

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

Almost two decades ago, I established a national non-profit foundation in law to promote the legal profession and encourage excellence by all lawyers. My concept then, as it is now 18 years later, is to select the finest recipients, and, therefore, set an example for all to follow.

Our emphasis - since the outset - was to encourage clear and cogent legal writing. That is my enduring interest, especially since I authored the first thesaurus in law. Since that time, the awards program has grown universally. Today, our scope of our awards ranges from lawyers in the military to attorneys in the executive branch, from general counsel of the **world's largest corporations** to managing partners in **America's** finest law firms, and from professors at law schools to journalists in law, and even legal writers in the largest law firms and leading law schools.

Our program is now co-sponsored by the American Bar Association, and presented in association with the Library of Congress. Since it is non-profit, there are no commercial aspects and our selections are made by leading professors and highly distinguished professionals.

As in the past, we are honored that Chief Justice Roberts has traditionally attended our reception; Justice Ginsburg is on the program this year, and Justice Sotomayor is attending our Gala. In addition, Chief Judge US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Robert Katzmann, will also be a recipient at the event.

To this effect, we would be extremely honored if you would accept this invitation to join us at the Gala on Monday, May 22, 2017 in the Great Hall of the Library of Congress. The Reception begins at 6:30pm in the Great Hall, the Dinner starts at 7pm, and impressionist Darrell Hammond's performance is set for 8:45 pm. We expect over 400 guests to attend the event, including the General Counsels of General Motors, CBS, Apple, Paypal, Toyota, Bank of America, and Home Depot, etc.

As a matter of background, our Honorary and Distinguished Board of Directors include: Judge Richard Posner, 7th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; Judge Alex Kozinski, 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals; U.S. Senator John Cornyn; U.S. Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.;

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SVP and General Counsel, NVIDIA Corporation; and Linda Klein, President, American Bar
Association.

Again, we would be extremely honored, and genuinely delighted, if you would accept
this invitation and join us on May 22, 2017 for an evening to celebrate law.

With all my best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William C. Burton', written in a cursive style.

William C. Burton
Founder & Chair



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Specifics of the 2017 Burton Awards Program

The 8th annual national awards will be held on Monday, May 22, 2017 at the Library of Congress. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, will be awarded the Book of the Year in Law.

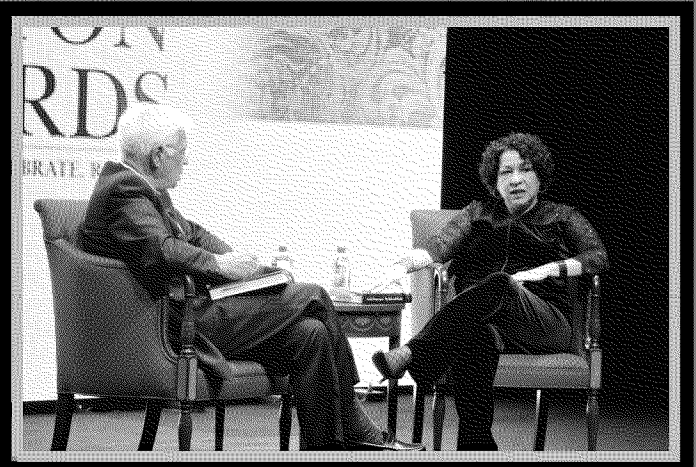
The Burton Awards: An Established Tradition in Law

The Burton Awards program is run in association with the Library of Congress. The non-profit event is held each year to honor distinguished writers and recognize leaders in law, including those counsel belonging to America's most prestigious law firms. Patterned after the Pulitzers, the program has become one of the most prominent and dynamic awards programs in law. While the emphasis is on writing, the program is also geared towards rewarding legal achievement in many other areas of law. In addition, awards are also given to general counsel for their distinguished careers in law.

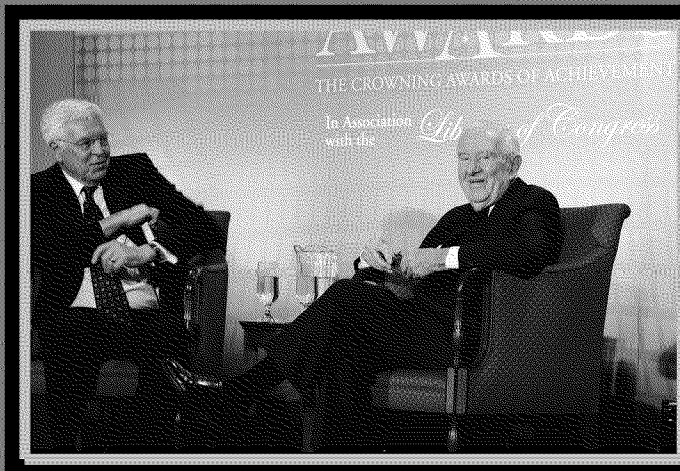
Prior Renowned Guest Speakers



Above left: Justice Stephen Breyer meets with Colonel Logan who won the 2016 Public Service in Military Award along with other high ranking members of the military. *Above right:* U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, honored guest at the 2013 program.



Below left: U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens (retired). *Below right:* U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg discusses writing, the art of persuasion and memorandums of law with Bill Press, CNN commentator and Master of Ceremonies.



Award Categories

The Legends in Law Awards— These awards recognize the finest general counsel in the world's largest corporations.

Distinguished Writing Awards— Presented to the best law firm and law school authors.

Distinguished Public Service in the Military— Presented to the finest lawyers in the military.

Leadership in Law Award— This award is given to the nation's finest managing partner in a leading law firm.

Outstanding Contributions to Legal Writing Education Award— Presented for outstanding contributions to the education of new lawyers in the field of legal analysis, research and writing, whether through teaching, program design, program support, innovative thinking or writing.

Book of the Year Award— Presented to the authors of the most outstanding book in the profession of law.

Distinguished Public Service in the Executive Branch— These awards are given to top tier and staff-member levels of the Executive Branch.

Blog of the Year— Presented to the law firm which has published the most outstanding blog in the country on the issues involving law.

The Outstanding Journalist in Law— Presented for a lifetime of achievement and accomplishment reporting on legal issues, cases or the profession.

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ABA Announces sponsorship of the Burton Awards to honor major achievements in law

WASHINGTON, April 7, 2015 – American Bar Association President William C. Hubbard announced that the ABA will sponsor the Burton Awards, a national awards program created by William C. Burton and run in association with the Library of Congress and its Law Library.

The Burton Awards program rewards accomplishments in law, including the finest writing, teaching, journalism, public service in government, public interest work, general counsel efforts and achievements of lawyers in the military. Close to 70 awards are presented annually.

Hubbard said, “The ABA and the Burton Awards program share a desire to promote excellence in the legal profession. Both organizations have the ultimate goal of encouraging the highest level of accomplishment in law. This new relationship builds on the finest traditions of the American Bar Association.”

The Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress, chaired by Elizabeth Medaglia, will be the ABA liaison to the awards program. This year’s awards program will take place on June 15 at the Library of Congress. Justice Sonia Sotomayor will be the guest speaker. Robert Katzmann, chief judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, will also participate in the program. Emmy and Tony award winning actress and singer Kristen Chenoweth will provide entertainment.

William C. Burton, founder and chair of the awards program, said, “We are profoundly honored and grateful to President William Hubbard, Chairperson Elizabeth Medaglia and the members of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association for their partnership. I could not think of a greater honor for our program. I look forward to working with this renowned institution to continue to recognize the greatest accomplishments in law.”

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