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News Item: 2023 WWCDA® Awards Gala

WWCDA® Announces 2023 WWCDA Awards Gala and Emcee, Former U.S. Attorney General, Loretta Lynch
WWCDA continues its global mission to elevate women + promote diversity across the white collar field

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) WWCDA® is thrilled to host its annual Awards Gala this November 28 at The Conrad® Washington D.C. The prestigious WWCDA Awards recognize trailblazers and their tremendous contributions in support of women and diversity in the white collar field, the foundation of WWCDA's mission.

These women, men, and groups have raised the bar by serving as leaders, mentors, and champions, using their platforms to create awareness, make a visible difference, and provide a more equitable white collar bar. They will be recognized for these outstanding achievements of 2023.

Loretta Lynch, Former U.S. Attorney General and Partner, Paul Weiss, is one of the select few who have received a distinguished WWCDA Award, the Champion Award in 2020, and is confirmed as this year's Awards Gala emcee.

"We are honored that Former U.S. Attorney General, Loretta Lynch, will be the evening's emcee again," said WWCDA Global Chair and Co-Founder Karen A. Popp. "She was fantastic last year. Her energy, enthusiasm, and powerful presence contributed to a spectacular, sold-out event. She is a true trailblazer in every sense of the word, not just in the white collar field but across all aspects of the legal world, garnering immense respect and admiration by so many."

Additional notable speakers and presenters will be announced in the coming weeks. Previous Gala attendees have included several U.S. Attorney Generals, a former Solicitor General, former Chief of the DOJ Criminal Division, former Chair the SEC, former SEC Chief of Enforcement, the U.S. federal judges, CEOs and GCs of corporations, among others.

Award winners will be revealed soon but take note of the five award categories to be presented on November 28, celebrating those who have each made a significant impact advancing women and diversity in law around the world.

WWCDA Champion Award: An individual who has made a profound impact or achieved significant success in the white collar field while advancing opportunities for women.

WWCDA Laurie A. Miller Leadership Award for the Advancement of Women in White Collar Defense: A current or former WWCDA member with achievements in the white collar field, her trailblazing or tireless support of women in the practice and her leadership in moving WWCDA forward in its mission to advance women in law around the world.

WWCDA Group Award: A team comprised of lawyers or other professionals of any gender who have collaborated on a project or projects that have an impact in the white collar field while highlighting and promoting women.



WWCDA Catherine M. O'Neil Mentoring Award: A junior WWCDA member who is engaged in WWCDA activities and displays the potential to be a future leader of WWCDA, is a rising star in the white collar defense bar with up to 10 years of experience.

WWCDA Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Outstanding Law Student Award: A woman in the final year of her legal education who best exemplifies a commitment to excellence, perseverance, resilience, extraordinary work ethic, and/or tireless efforts to ensure justice for all – as did Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

WWCDA is looking forward to a wonderful evening celebrating with members, colleagues, clients, men, and women along with other members of the white collar defense and greater legal community. Cocktails begin at 6pm followed by dinner and awards program at 7:30pm. The event was sold out last year, and with limited seating, it's encouraged to purchase your tickets or table quickly [here](#).

For more information about the Gala or to become a sponsor, email [here](#).

To follow along with developments of the WWCDA Awards Gala and to join the conversation on social media, use hashtag #WWCDAAwards

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