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**WWCDA Announces 2022 WWCDA Awards Gala with  
Master of Ceremonies Loretta Lynch, former  
Attorney General for the United States**

*Awards Honor Trailblazers and Their Efforts to Advance Diversity and Equality at This Year's In-person Awards Gala*

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) The [Women's White Collar Defense Association®](#) (WWCDA) is pleased to host the 2022 WWCDA Awards Gala at the Conrad® Washington DC on November 29, 2022. The Master of Ceremonies of the 2022 Gala will be Loretta Lynch, former U.S. Attorney General and a partner with Paul Weiss. Lynch was honored by WWCDA in 2020 as the recipient of the WWCDA Champion Award.

The centerpiece of the event is the recognition of the 2022 *WWCDA Award* recipients. The awards recognize women, men and companies who have made significant impacts in the white collar practice, including the areas of defense, government enforcement, investigations and compliance.

WWCDA established the awards to honor those whose efforts have enhanced the white collar practice and made it more diverse and equitable or who have otherwise used their platforms to support women in this field.

“WWCDA has been promoting diversity, inclusion, and the advancement of women in the white collar practice for over two decades,” said WWCDA Co-Founder Karen Popp. “Year after year, we celebrate the accomplishments of our members and the champions in the white-collar bar who are creating more opportunities and driving the profession forward. We are proud to recognize the hard work of the attorneys who have made a mark – or are making their mark – in this practice.”

WWCDA is pleased to announce five distinguished winners for each unique award category. The announcement of award recipients will be made later in October. The five awards include:

**The WWCDA Champion Award:**

This award honors an individual who has made a difference or achieved significant success in the white collar area, while advancing justice in enforcement or positively impacting defense investigations or compliance.

**The WWCDA Group Award:**

WWCDA's group award recognizes a team from a company, firm, or other organization that has demonstrated achievement in the white collar area, while advancing or supporting women in the field.

**The WWCDA Laurie A. Miller Leadership Award for the Advancement of Women in White Collar Defense:**

The Laurie A. Miller Leadership Award for the Advancement of Women in White Collar Defense is presented to a current or former member of WWCDA who best exemplifies Laurie's groundbreaking leadership in white collar defense and in advancing women in the practice. Laurie was a founding member of WWCDA.

**The WWCDA Catherine M. O'Neil Mentoring Award:**

This award recognizes a junior member of WWCDA who is a rising star in the field of white collar defense. The award will include a continuing education stipend that has been fully funded by the law firm of King & Spalding, Cathy O'Neil's former firm.

**The WWCDA Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Outstanding Law Student Award:**

Introduced in 2021, the Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Outstanding Law Student Award is presented to a female law student in the final year of her legal education who best exemplifies Justice Ginsburg's commitment to excellence, perseverance, resilience, extraordinary work ethic, and tireless efforts to ensure justice for all in the eyes of the law.

The awards will be presented at the WWCDA Awards Gala which will begin at 6:00 PM EST with a cocktail reception and be followed by the dinner and award ceremony at 7:00 PM EST. More details on guest speakers will be available in the coming weeks.

The gala is open to both members and non-members. More information on the gala, awards, and sponsorship opportunities, can be found through the [WWCDA Awards Gala](#) event page. To reserve your seat, please contact the organizers at [awards@wwcda.org](mailto:awards@wwcda.org).

To follow along with developments leading up to and during the gala and to join the conversation on social media, please use the hashtag #WWCDAGala.

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*Founded in 1999, with the goal of addressing the large gender gap in white collar law and compliance, the Women's White Collar Defense Association (WWCDA) promotes the common business and professional interests of women attorneys and other professionals who specialize in the representation of corporations and individuals facing government enforcement actions, internal investigations, compliance and ethics matters.*

*WWCDA promotes diversity in the legal profession, facilitates networking and business development, and provides educational programming. WWCDA initiatives facilitate women connecting, collaborating, and advancing in white collar defense around the world.*

*The WWCDA has grown to more than 3,000 members in 45 chapters throughout North America, Europe, Latin America and Asia Pacific. WWCDA Chapters are located in Washington, D.C., New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Atlanta, Louisiana, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Denver, Phoenix, San Diego, Seattle, Connecticut, Florida, New Jersey, North Carolina, Tennessee/Alabama, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Oregon/Idaho, Puerto Rico, London, Ireland, France, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Toronto, Vancouver, Québec, Brazil, Peru, Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, India, and Spain.*

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