



HIGGINBOTHAM LEADERSHIP AWARDS

FACT SHEET

» **AWARD:** The A. Leon Higginbotham Corporate Leadership Award is named in honor of Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., a pioneering civil rights advocate, author and federal appeals court judge. In 2000, the Lawyers' Committee established the Higginbotham Award to recognize exemplary corporate leadership with respect to advancing diversity and equal opportunity – particularly leadership in recruiting, retaining and promoting minorities in the workplace. The annual presentation of the Higginbotham Award encourages corporations to reflect in their business and charitable practices the spirit of equal opportunity embodied in our constitutional democracy. The Higginbotham celebration is one of the largest gala events in the civil rights community, attracting nearly 1,000 attendees annually. Our virtual reach exceeded 400,000 views in 2020.

» **2021 HONOREE:** Brian Moynihan, Chairman of the Board and CEO, Bank of America

» **DATE:** Wednesday, October 20, 2021

» **LAWYERS' COMMITTEE:** At an historic meeting at the White House in 1963, President John F. Kennedy, Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy challenged 244 of America's prominent attorneys to spearhead the cause for equal justice. The Lawyers' Committee was founded on that day and has been at the forefront of efforts to advance civil rights ever since.

PAST HONOREES:

- 2020** United Parcel Service, Executive Chairman, David P. Abney
- 2019** Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, Co-Heads, Shelley O'Connor and Andy Saperstein
- 2018** PNC Bank and Chairman, President and CEO, William S. Demchak
- 2017** The Home Depot and Chairman, CEO and President, Craig Menear
- 2016** Ernst & Young LLP and Chairman and Managing Partner, Stephen R. Howe, Jr.
- 2015** Toyota Motor Sales and CEO, James Lentz
- 2014** William D. Zabel, Founding Partner, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP
- 2013** J.P. Morgan Chase & Co-CEO of the Corporate and Investment Bank, Mike Cavanagh
- 2012** DuPont and Chair of the Board and CEO, Ellen Kullman
- 2011** McDonald's Corporation and Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Jim Skinner
- 2010** Qualcomm Incorporated and CEO, Dr. Paul Jacobs
- 2009** Microsoft Corporation and CEO, Steve Ballmer
- 2008** Earl G. Graves, Sr., Founder and Publisher of Black Enterprise Magazine
- 2007** Colgate-Palmolive and CEO Reuben Mark and Aetna Inc. and CEO, Ronald A. Williams
- 2006** Citigroup, Inc. and CEO, Charles Prince
- 2005** General Electric Company and Chairman and CEO, Jeffrey R. Immelt
- 2004** BellSouth Corporation and Chairman and CEO, F. Duane Ackerman
- 2003** PepsiCo Inc. and CEO, Steven Reinemund and Fannie Mae and CEO, Franklin D. Raines
- 2002** United Parcel Service and CEO, Michael L. Eskew
- 2001** The New York Times Company and CEO, Arthur Sulzberger, Jr.
- 2000** AOL Time Warner and CEO, Gerald M. Levin



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