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# Presidents' Dinner and Judge Harold Baer Jr. Award Reception

## VISTA SKY LOUNGE

Grand Ballroom  
27-5 39th Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101

## HONOREES

Honorable Harold Baer Jr. Award

**Sheila S. Boston**

*69th President, New York City Bar Association and Partner, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer*

Presidents' Award

**Honorable Lizbeth González**

*Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department, New York*

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## ***Dinner Program***

*Welcome Remarks by Eve Guillergan*

*Introduction of the Honorable George B. Daniels by Yacine Barry-Wun*

*Remarks by the Honorable George B. Daniels*

*Announcement of Guests by Natoya L. McGhie*

*Introduction of the Honorable Lizbeth González for the Presidents' Award by  
Meredith R. Miller*

*Remarks by the Honorable Lizbeth González*

*Appreciation Award to Meredith R. Miller for Service to the Network of Bar  
Leaders*

*Outstanding Service to the Network Award to the Honorable George B. Daniels*

*Introduction of Sheila S. Boston for the Honorable Harold Baer Jr. Award  
by Bret Parker*

*Remarks by Sheila S. Boston*

*Roll Call of Bar Associations by Margaret T. Ling*

*Remarks by Gold Sponsors – the Korean American Lawyers Association of  
Greater New York and the Metropolitan Black Bar Association*

*Closing Remarks by Michael Kohan*

*After-Party at the Vista Sky Lounge Rooftop (one flight up)*

*Thank you for joining us this evening!*

## *Honorable Harold Baer Jr. Award*

### *Honoree*

*Sheila S. Boston*



Sheila S. Boston is a litigation partner at Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP. She is a trial lawyer and litigation strategist who defends clients from initiation of the case through trial and/or settlement. A member of her law firm's Product Liability Group and Complex Commercial Litigation Department, Ms. Boston has successfully litigated before both state and federal courts, with significant MDL experience in mass tort actions. As an active participant in her firm, Ms. Boston serves as a member of the Pro Bono and Hiring Committees, and is an elected Ombudsperson at the firm.

Ms. Boston has been recognized by *Who's Who Legal in Product Liability Defence* every year since 2012. In 2018, she was recognized as a "legal lion" trial attorney by *Law 360* as a result of a successful product liability defense verdict in the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. Ms. Boston frequently represents *pro bono* as well as corporate clients and is active in several bar associations. In recognition of her service, she was on *City & State New York's* Law Power 100 List in 2021 and 2022. Ms. Boston has received other accolades including *The American Lawyer's* inaugural Northeast "Trailblazers" list in 2021; a *National Law Journal* 2020 Litigation Trailblazer award; a 2020 Volunteers of Legal Service award; a 2019 New York City Legal Services Honoree award; the 2018 Crain's New York Leading Women Lawyers recognition; 2015 Most Influential Black Lawyers recognition by *Savoy Magazine*; and a *New York Law Journal's* 2014 Lifetime Achievement award. She was recently honored in October 2021 by her *alma mater*, the Columbia Law School Alumni Association, for her "contributions to Columbia Law School and to the legal community [that] have been of inestimable value."

Ms. Boston recently served as President of the New York City Bar Association, an organization comprised of about 24,000 members and which has over 150 committees, tasks forces and working groups. Notably, her presidency had historical importance, as Ms. Boston was the first woman of color to serve as the organization's President in its over 150 years of existence. Moreover, she led the City Bar during extraordinarily challenging times -- during the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Appointed by the New York Governor to serve on New York's First Department Judicial Screening Committee, Ms. Boston is finishing her second term in that capacity. Ms. Boston also currently serves as the Chair of DRI's Drug and Medical Device Committee.

A passionate advocate of diversity, equity and inclusion, Ms. Boston has won several awards for her efforts including the prestigious Chambers Diversity Awards USA 2016 inaugural award for her "Outstanding Contribution to Furthering the Advancement of Diversity in the Legal Profession, Private Practice." She has also been recognized by the Judicial Friends with the 2021 Jane Bolin Award; the *Corporate Counsel's* Women Influence & Power In Law with a 2021 Law Firm Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Champion award; the National Bar Association with the 2021 Clyde E. Bailey Corporate Leadership Award; the New York State Unified Court System's Black History Month Committee with the "2020 Equality of Justice Award"; and Columbia Law School's Black Law Student Association with a "2019 Distinguished Alumni Award."

Ms. Boston received her A.B. in the School of Public and International Affairs from Princeton University in 1990, and her J.D. from Columbia Law School in 1993. She is admitted to practice law in the New York State Courts, the SDNY, the EDNY, the NDNY, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and the Supreme Court of the United States.

*Presidents' Award*  
*Honoree*  
*Associate Justice Lizbeth González*



Justice Lizbeth González was appointed to the Appellate Division, First Department, by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in November 2019. She previously served in a dual capacity as an Associate Justice of the Appellate Term, First Department, appointed effective July 2016, and as a Supreme Court Justice, elected in Bronx County effective January 2016. Prior to this, Justice González respectively served as an Acting Supreme Court Justice, a Family Court Judge, a Civil Court Judge, and a Housing Court Judge. Before becoming a judge, she respectively served as an Assistant Attorney General for the NYS Department of Law; Assistant Corporation Counsel for the NYC Law Department;

Director of Legal Services for the American Indian Law Alliance; Senior Attorney for MFY Legal Services; and Visiting Fellow at the Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund. She received her J.D. from New York University School of Law and her B.A. in Anthropology from Stony Brook University. Justice González is a past president of the Latino Judges Association and the Network of Bar Leaders. She currently co-chairs the ICWA (Indian Child Welfare Act) Committee of the New York Federal-State-Tribal Courts and Indian Nations Justice Forum. Justice González is a board member of the Stony Brook University Alumni Association. She is a Visiting Scholar at Stony Brook, where she is studying the Indigenous languages of Long Island.



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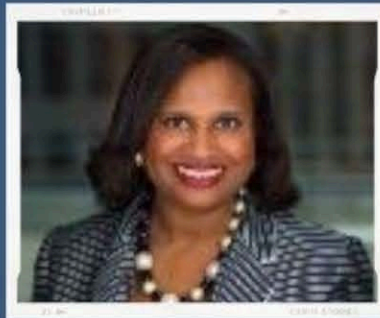


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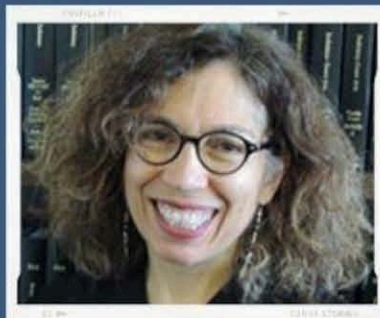
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