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Paulette Brown to Receive the Beacon Award for Diversity and Inclusion from Boston Bar Association

(MORRISTOWN) January 31, 2017 – Locke Lord Partner and the Immediate Past President of the American Bar Association (ABA) [Paulette Brown](#), has been selected by the Boston Bar Association to receive the Beacon Award for Diversity and Inclusion for her efforts to increase diversity in the legal profession.

The Beacon Award for Diversity and Inclusion recognizes exceptional leadership on diversity strategies that will have a lasting impact on the Greater Boston legal profession. Brown will receive the award in March in Boston.

Brown was influential in the creation of the ABA's Resolution 113, which aims to promote diversity within law firms and urges clients to expand opportunities for diverse lawyers. At the start of her term as ABA President, Paulette formed the [ABA's Diversity and Inclusion 360 Commission](#) that examined the state of diversity and inclusion in the legal profession, the judicial system and the ABA with the aim of formulating methods, policies, standards and practices to best advance diversity and inclusion.

"Paulette is a remarkable lawyer, colleague and friend and we are thrilled she is receiving this year's Beacon Award for Diversity and Inclusion," said Firm Chair [Jerry Clements](#). "Paulette's groundbreaking work on diversity and inclusion while serving as ABA President has had a great impact on our Firm, the Greater Boston community and throughout the country. Her commitment to diversity and inclusion is unparalleled and I know she will continue to make great strides for improving diversity within the legal profession."

Based in Locke Lord's [Morristown](#) office, Brown is a Labor and Employment Partner and Co-Chair of the Firm's Diversity & Inclusion Committee. For nearly 40 years, Brown has focused her practice on all facets of labor and employment and commercial litigation. She is the first woman of color to lead the ABA and is nationally known for speaking out to eliminate bias in the U.S. legal system and advocating for the advancement of diverse lawyers, including women. Prior to entering private practice, she held a number of positions, including in-house counsel to Fortune 500 companies and as a Municipal Court judge.

Brown has been recognized by the *New Jersey Law Journal* as one of the prominent women and minority attorneys in the State of New Jersey and by the *National Law Journal* as one of "The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America." She has also repeatedly been named by *US News* as one of the Best Lawyers in America in the area of Commercial Litigation. Brown was named to the EBONY Power 100 List in 2014 and one of the country's "Most Influential



Black Lawyers” by *Savoy Magazine*. In 2016, she was selected by the New Jersey Commission on Professionalism in the Law to receive the Daniel J. O’Hearn Award for Professionalism and was also a *New Jersey Law Journal* Top Women in Law honoree.

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