Thank you to everyone who joined us for the 10th annual Jazz for Justice Benefit on March 29th, 2017! We were proud to honor Debo P. Adegbile, Partner at WilmerHale, and Stacey R. Friedman, General Counsel of JPMorgan Chase & Co. This year’s benefit raised over $1.5 million to provide legal services to New Yorkers living in poverty. More than 500 guests gathered at Cipriani 42nd Street to celebrate Debo and Stacey’s commitment to access to justice for all.

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Our Honorees

Debo P. Adegbile is a partner at the law firm Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (WilmerHale). His practice focuses on a broad range of matters at the intersection of law, business, and government policy.

From 2013 - 2014, Debo served as Senior Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, advising the committee on a range of issues including Supreme Court jurisprudence and litigation, the First Amendment, voting rights, national security, intellectual property, and nominations.

He spent more than a decade working for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), where he served in several leadership roles. At LDF, he served as the director of
litigation and supervised a broad range of complex civil and criminal cases in trial and appellate courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, and served as the final decision-maker for key strategic litigation decisions. Debo has argued multiple times before the U.S. Supreme Court, including in a 2008 defense of the Voting Rights Act.

Stacey R. Friedman is General Counsel for JPMorgan Chase & Co, a leading financial services firm and one of the largest banking institutions in the United States, with operations worldwide.

Stacey joined J.P. Morgan in 2012 from Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where she was a partner in the firm's Litigation Group, working on complex commercial litigation, including securities, class action, derivatives, bankruptcy, antitrust and employment.

Stacey is one of the industry's leading experts in securities litigation, and the investigations and enforcement proceedings relating to these matters. She brings tremendous experience working with the financial services industry and has represented numerous clients in federal and state litigation across complex commercial matters, including securities, class action, derivatives, bankruptcy, antitrust and employment litigation.

Prior to joining Sullivan & Cromwell, Stacey was a clerk for the Honorable Gary L. Taylor, United States District Court, Central District of California. She received her B.A. from the University of California, Los Angeles, and J.D. from Duke University School of Law. Immediately before law school, she worked for Senator Dianne Feinstein.

Stacey currently resides in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York, with her wife and two children.

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