Our Honorees

Loretta E. Lynch is a partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Ms. Lynch has a long and storied career in public service. She served as the U.S. Attorney General from 2015-2017, where she was appointed by President Barack Obama. As Attorney General, Ms. Lynch oversaw more than 100,000 employees across numerous agencies and offices.

Ms. Lynch began her career in public service in 1990, when she became an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, where she rose through the ranks before being named U.S. Attorney of that office in 1999 by President Bill Clinton.

In 2010, President Obama appointed Ms. Lynch once again as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York, where her office would go on to prosecute major terrorism, fraud and corruption cases. In the wake of the global financial crisis, she supervised the investigations of and subsequent high-value settlements with a number of global banks stemming from the banks' involvement in the mortgage securities market, as well as in a settlement with a global bank related to the Bank Secrecy Act.

Ms. Lynch has been named one of Benchmark Litigation’s Top 250 Women in Litigation. Additionally, Ms. Lynch has been recognized by Chambers in the Litigation: White-Collar Crime & Government Investigations (New York) category.

Ms. Lynch received her J.D. and her B.A. in American Literature from Harvard University.

Natalie Lamarque is Senior Vice President and General Counsel of New York Life Insurance Company with day-to-day oversight of the Office of the General Counsel. She is also a member of the company’s Executive Management Committee and serves on New York Life’s Social Justice and ESG Steering Committees.

Prior to joining New York Life, Natalie was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where she prosecuted an array of federal crimes as a member of the Organized Crime Unit.
Earlier in her career, she was an Associate in the Litigation Department of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP. 

Natalie began her legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Ann Claire Williams, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and to the Honorable Malcolm Howard, United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. 

Natalie was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Life Insurance Council of New York in April 2021. She was also appointed to the New York State Insurance Advisory Board in February 2021, and Committee for the Advancement of Women in Leadership in Financial Services in May 2021. She serves as a Trustee for City Year, Inc. as well as the Co-Chair of the Advisory Board for City Year New York. She is also a member of the Board of Advisors for New York University’s Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement (PCCE).

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Her husband is a public-school history teacher in Brooklyn, where they live with their two sons. Natalie is a native New Yorker whose parents emigrated from Haiti. She earned her J.D. magna cum laude from Duke University School of Law and her B.A. cum laude from Duke University. She also holds her Series 7 and 24 securities licenses.

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