

## Legal Community joins BADC in Celebrating Leaders at 153 rd Annual Awards Banquet

Shirley Ann Higuchi, Elaine R. Jones, and the Capital Area Food Bank Among Distinguished Honorees



Washington, D.C, District of Columbia Dec 10, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - On Saturday, December 7th, the **Bar Association of the District of Columbia (BADC)** and the **BADC Foundation (FBADC)** proudly recognized the award recipients during the 153rd Annual Leadership Awards Banquet at a black-tie gala in the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. BADC president Rawle Andrews Jr., Esq. presided over the event.

*"We are honored to recognize and celebrate the 2024 honorees of the **BADC's** 153rd Annual Awards Banquet. The BADC Honors aims to recognize judges, attorneys, and community leaders who have distinguished themselves by and through their commitment to the rule of law, civility across the Bench and Bar, and equal access to justice. This year's honorees are legends, shining stars, or servant leaders within our legal profession and the Washington metropolitan community who have demonstrated professional excellence, integrity, agility, and resilience," stated Andrews.*

## The 2024 BADC/FBADC Honorees are:

Judicial Honoree: Hon. James E. Boasberg, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Lawyer of the Year: Shirley Ann Higuchi, Esq.

Hon. Annice M. Wagner Pioneer Award: Elaine R. Jones, Esq.

Young Lawyer of the Year: Sanchita Bose, JD, MPH, Esq.

President's Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award: Hon. Pauline Newman, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit

President's Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award: David F. Grimaldi, Sr., Esq. (Posthumously)

FBADC Suzanne V. Richards Grantee: Neighborhood Legal Services Program (NLSP)

President's Community Leadership Award: Capital Area Food Bank

President's Servant Leadership Award: R. Scott Oswald, Esq.

IP Trademark Prosecutor of the Year: Monique E. Liburd, Esq.

IP Patent Prosecutor of the Year: W. Karl Renner, Esq.

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Founded on May 23, 1871, The Bar Association of the District of Columbia (@badc1871) is the 1st bar association in the District and the 3rd oldest bar association in the United States. The BADC is a voluntary bar association. Its members participate in various volunteer committees and sections including the Young Lawyers Section (YLS), the Intellectual Property (IP) Section, the Bankruptcy & Restructuring Section, and over 20 practice area committees. Join us at [www.badc.org](http://www.badc.org).



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