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Celebration in Honor of
Edward J. Barshak
&
Launch of the Edward J. Barshak Fund for Justice

APRIL 27, 2016

WilmerHale
60 State Street
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Ed Barshak is a senior trial lawyer at Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen P.C and has been called the “Dean of the Boston trial bar,” a “Lawyers’ Lawyer,” and “the best trial lawyer in Massachusetts” because of his ability to express complex ideas in a simple, straightforward manner.

His practice specializes in multi-party business disputes, professional and product liability claims, as well as domestic relations matters. In addition to his extensive experience in state and federal trial courts, Ed has represented clients in more than 120 appellate decisions and has served as an arbitrator, master and mediator at the request of both private litigants and the courts.

Ed’s public and professional service is reflected in his leadership roles as President, Vice-President and Council Member and as Chairman of the Joint Bar Committee on Judicial Appointments of the Boston Bar Association. In 2007, Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall honored Ed for his 36 years of service on the Board of Bar Examiners including serving as its Chairman. Ed was also a member of the American Law Institute and its Consultative Committee for Restatement of the Law Governing Lawyers and served as a Director on the Board of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and has been recognized in Chambers USA in the areas of professional liability and commercial litigation. He has been listed in every edition of Best Lawyers in America since its inception.

He is a longtime Board Member of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights, an organization founded at the request of President John F. Kennedy to involve the legal community in the struggle against discrimination. He has long championed the Lawyers’ Committee’s civil rights docket, and he led the bar in educating the public about the civil rights and integration movement. The Boston Bar Association honored Barshak with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 for his longstanding dedication to the equal and fair administration of justice.

RECEPTION 5:30 – 7:30 PM

6:15 – 6:20 PM  Welcome
Iván Espinoza-Madrigal
Executive Director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice (LCCR)

6:20 – 6:25 PM  Message from the Board of Directors
Scott P. Lewis
LCCR’s Board of Directors

6:25 – 6:30 PM  Remarks
Natasha Lisman & Tony Doniger
Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen, P.C.

6:30 – 6:35 PM  Video Tribute

6:40 – 6:45 PM  Closing Remarks

“The heart of the question is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights and equal opportunities, whether we are going to treat our fellow Americans as we want to be treated.”

President John F. Kennedy