



# Federal Bar Council

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**THE FEDERAL BAR COUNCIL AWARDS  
EMORY BUCKNER MEDAL TO  
THE HONORABLE MICHAEL A. CARDOZO  
CORPORATION COUNSEL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE**

**FEDERAL BAR COUNCIL AND FEDERAL BAR FOUNDATION  
INSTALL NEW OFFICERS, TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS**

**New York, NY (November 23, 2011).** Today, the Federal Bar Council awarded its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Emory Buckner Medal to the Honorable Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of The City of New York, in recognition of his "Outstanding Public Service." Cardozo has served as Corporation Counsel since 2002, the longest term since the office was formally created in 1849.

In presenting the Emory Buckner Award, Federal Bar Council President Frank H. Wohl said, "New York is indeed fortunate to have a Corporation Counsel of the extraordinary stature, skill and dedication of Michael Cardozo."

In accepting the Award, Mr. Cardozo said, "I have watched this award being presented to true giants of the government and the Bar, and I have seen the honor bestowed upon mentors of mine. To be put in the company of such outstanding men and women is truly humbling."

Mayor Bloomberg applauded Cardozo's accomplishment, saying, "I congratulate Michael Cardozo on receiving the prestigious Emory Buckner Award. Michael has been a

dedicated member of my administration for 10 years -- and he's the longest-serving Corporation Counsel in modern history. His devotion to the law and to public service has been to the great benefit of my Administration and the people of the City of New York."

Prior to being appointed Corporation Counsel, Cardozo served from 1996 to 1998 as President of the New York City Bar Association. He has also served as the Chair of the Fund for Modern Courts; a non-partisan citizen organization devoted to improving New York State courts, and previously chaired two court system task forces. He is also a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the American Law Institute, the Board of Trustees of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and the Lawyers Division of the Anti-Defamation League. Prior to his appointment in 2002 as Corporation Counsel, Cardozo was a senior partner at Proskauer Rose, LLP, one of New York City's largest law firms, where he was elected to the firm's executive committee on three different occasions. Cardozo earned his Juris Doctorate degree at Columbia Law School in 1966, where he was an editor of its Law Review. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University in 1963.

Emory R. Buckner was U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1925 to 1927. Since 1962, the Council has annually awarded the Buckner Medal. Past recipients include Governors Thomas E. Dewey, Nelson A. Rockefeller, and Mario M. Cuomo, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Senators Jacob K. Javits, James L. Buckley, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Alfonse M. D'Amato and Charles E. Schumer, Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly and Mayor Edward I. Koch.

The Award was presented at the Federal Bar Council's Thanksgiving Luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria which was attended by over 1,500 members of the bench and bar, including the Chief Judge Loretta A. Preska of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, Chief Judge Carol Bagley Amon of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, and more than 70 federal judges from throughout the Second Circuit, which includes the federal courts of New York, Connecticut and Vermont.

During the Luncheon, the Federal Bar Council and Federal Bar Foundation installed new officers, trustees and directors, including Foundation President, Alan Vinegrad of Covington & Burling LLP.

Founded in 1932, the Council is a group of more than 3,700 lawyers who practice in the federal courts of the Second Circuit. Our members include judges, prosecutors, public defenders, professors, experienced private lawyers at firms of all sizes, and lawyers who are just starting out in practice.

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