2020 American Bar Foundation Fellows Outstanding Service Award

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As one of Washington's best-known litigators, Ms. Gorelick has represented corporations and individuals in a wide array of matters, particularly in the regulatory and enforcement arenas. Routinely listed as one of the "Best Lawyers in America," she has been profiled as "A Legend in the Law" in the Washington Lawyer, and listed by the National Law Journal as one of the "Thirty Greatest Washington Lawyers of the Last 30 Years." She was recently recognized by the American Lawyer as a "Lifetime Achiever."

Ms. Gorelick was one of the longest serving Deputy Attorneys General of the United States, the second highest position in the Department of Justice. She also served as General Counsel of the Department of Defense. Earlier in her career, Ms. Gorelick was Vice Chair of the Task Force on the Audit, Inspection and Investigation Components of the Department of Defense. She was also Assistant to the Secretary and Counselor to the Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Ms. Gorelick has served on numerous government boards and commissions. She is currently a member of the Department of Defense Policy Board. Previously, Ms. Gorelick was a member of the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the "9/11 Commission"). Ms. Gorelick has also been a leader in the bar. She was President of the District of Columbia Bar, Chair of the ABA's Commission on Legal Ethics 20/20, in the leadership of the Litigation Section, and a member of the ABA’s Committee on Professional Discipline.

Jamie was a founder and board member of the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, and has served on many non-profit boards, including that of the National Women’s Law Center. She chairs the Board of the Urban Institute. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Law Institute and the Trilateral Commission. A former member of Harvard’s Board of Overseers, she has taught at both its Law School and the Kennedy School.

Jamie is a member of the boards of Amazon and Verisign and previously served on the boards of United Technologies and Schlumberger.