Jamie S. Gorelick Receives the 2020 ABF Fellows Outstanding Service Award

CHICAGO, Jan. 14, 2020 — Jamie S. Gorelick, a Partner at WilmerHale, will receive the 2020 Outstanding Service Award from the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation at its 64th Annual Fellows Awards Reception and Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020. The banquet is one of several events being hosted by the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation during the Midyear Meeting of the American Bar Association (ABA) in Austin, Texas. Gorelick will also deliver the keynote remarks during the reception.

“Jamie Gorelick is a wonderful recipient of the Fellows Outstanding Service Award,” said Fellows Chair Ellen Jakovic. “Jamie’s remarkable career has spanned the legal, government and corporate arenas — she has served her clients, her community, and her country with exceptional skill, dedication and wisdom. The Fellows are thrilled to recognize Jamie for her many contributions to the legal profession and her extraordinary service to the public.”

Gorelick noted, “At a time when honorable public service and pro bono legal services are needed more than ever, it is a great privilege to be discussing these issues with the American Bar Foundation Fellows.”

Gorelick has represented corporations and individuals in a wide array of matters, particularly in the regulatory and enforcement arenas. She 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, 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.

She has served on numerous government boards and commissions and is currently a member of the Department of Defense Policy Board. Previously, Gorelick was a member of the bipartisan National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (the "9/11 Commission").
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. She chairs the Board of the Urban Institute, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, the American Law Institute, and the Trilateral Commission.

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

“The American Bar Foundation is honored to give the Fellows Outstanding Service Award to Jamie Gorelick,” said ABF Executive Director Ajay K. Mehrotra. “She is truly deserving of this award, given to a Fellow who has adhered to the highest principles of the legal profession and service to the public.”

Event Details:
The Fellows of the American Bar Foundation
64th Annual Award Reception and Banquet
Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 6 p.m.
Etter-Harbin Alumni Center, The University of Texas at Austin
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Austin, Texas

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