

Bill Kolb, Opening Remarks
Reception for Julia Huston, Boston Bar Association President
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Good evening and welcome to tonight's event. My name is Bill Kolb, and I am a co-managing partner at Foley Hoag. On behalf of the entire firm, I'd like to thank you for being here tonight to celebrate the election of our colleague Julia Huston to the presidency of the Boston Bar Association.

Julia is assuming the leadership of an organization formed more than 200 years ago by John Adams in the spirit of service. Service is something Julia is well acquainted with. Though best known in her profession as one of the country's top intellectual property lawyers, Julia's career has also been formed by a consistent dedication to helping others. From providing legal services to the poor, to helping create leadership opportunities for women, to working with learning-disabled children, Julia's professional life has been a testament to giving.

I'll be inviting one of our colleagues to the microphone in a just a minute to tell you more about Julia, but before that we'd like to recognize a few special guests who are with us tonight.

A special welcome tonight to Paul Dacier, Julia's predecessor as BBA president. Paul is general counsel at EMC Corp. and was the first general counsel elected president of the BBA.

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As we mark the beginning of Julia's presidency, we would like to thank Paul for his leadership. In the past year, Paul represented the BBA's opposition to the death penalty in media interviews and public forums, and advocated for the Massachusetts judiciary and one of our local law schools when they were denigrated by a national publication. In both of those cases and throughout his presidency, Paul represented the BBA vigorously and articulately. We appreciate your energy and dedication, Paul, and thank you for your service.

Also here to honor Julia's term are two former BBA presidents: Foley Hoag partner and nationally known litigator Michael Keating, and former Foley Hoag partner the Honorable Sandra Lynch, chief justice of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, the first woman to serve in that position. Thank you for being here tonight, as well for your service to the BBA and your continued contributions to the legal profession.

Finally, what's a celebration without family? I'd like to introduce Julia's husband, Don Larson, and her daughter Skye. Skye is five years old and hopefully enjoying a later-than-usual bedtime to cheer for her mom tonight.

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Now I'd like to ask Michael Keating to come to the microphone and say a few words about Julia. Michael?