

2025 DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

DATE: Monday, May 5, 2025

VENUE: Pleasantdale Château, West Orange, NJ

TIME: 5:30 PM VIP Reception
6:00 PM General Reception
7:00 PM Dinner and Program

ATTIRE: Business

DESCRIPTION: The **2025 Director of the Year Awards** will recognize excellence in leadership among the boards and directors in New Jersey.

The focal point of the evening will be five awards, where three individuals will be honored:

- **Lifetime Achievement in Governance Award**
- **Leadership in Public Corporate Governance Award**
- **Leadership in Non-Profit Governance Award**

Two awards will be given to full boards who exemplify true vision and excellence in governance for the companies they serve:

- **Large Company Board of the Year**
- **Small Company Board of the Year**

NACD advances exemplary board leadership – **for directors, by directors**. Importantly, directors and boards turn to NACD to gain the knowledge and wisdom to become a strategic asset to their companies, and NACD amplifies the collective voice of directors in the national dialogue on board governance issues. NACD is the **Voice of the Director**.

The New Jersey Chapter of the NACD is one of more than 20 chapters in the growing national network. We are the premier organization for New Jersey's corporate directors providing a forum for sharing experiential knowledge, understanding tomorrow's boardroom challenges, and the opportunity to further enhance responsible boardroom leadership.

AUDIENCE: 300+ directors, executives, CEOs, general counsel, governance specialists, professionals, and attendees who respect and admire the accomplishments, the integrity and the ethics of the best of those who serve—out of the limelight—on the corporate and non-profit boards in our region.

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2025 HONOREES:

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN GOVERNANCE

Martha Clark Goss

Independent Director: American Water and EA Engineering (PBC)

Independent Trustee: Neuberger Berman Mutual Funds

LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Irene Chang Britt

Board Chair: Amica Senior Lifestyles

Chair, Human Capital and Compensation: Victoria's Secret & Co.

Chair, Compensation and Talent: IDEXX

Chair, Nomination and Corporate Governance: First Watch Restaurant Group

LEADERSHIP IN NON-PROFIT GOVERNANCE

Sara Peña

Founder and President: Boys to Leaders Foundation

Trustee: Victoria Foundation Board of Trustees

Director: New Jersey Performing Arts Center Women's Board, Joseph A. Unanue Latino Institute's Advisory Board at Seton Hall University, Executive Board of The Esther Project

Advisory Committee Member: New Jersey League of Women Voters, The Young Women's Foundation

Commissioner: Roseville Community Charter School Board of Trustees

SMALL COMPANY BOARD OF THE YEAR

Suburban Propane

Matthew J. Chanin (Chairman), Harold R. Logan, Jr., Jane Swift, Terence J. Connors, William M. Landuyt, Amy M. Adams, Rommel M. Oates, Michael A. Stivala

LARGE COMPANY BOARD OF THE YEAR

Prudential Financial

Charles F. Lowrey (Chairman and CEO), Robert M. Falzon (Vice Chairman), Gilbert F. Casellas, Carmine Di Sibio, Martina Hund-Mejean, Wendy E. Jones, Kathleen A. Murphy, Sandra Pinalto, Christine A. Poon, Douglas A. Scovanner, Michael A. Todman

2025 HONOREE SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Anita Allen, *Chair Emeritus*, NACD New Jersey Chapter

Marcy Bliss, *2024 Private Company Board of the Year Honoree*, Wedgewood Pharmacy

Jeannie Diefenderfer, *Board Chair*, NACD New Jersey Chapter

Peter Gleason, *President and CEO*, NACD

Susan Hardwick, *2024 Public Company Board of the Year Honoree*, American Water

Denise Morrison, *2024 Leadership in Public Corporate Governance Honoree*

Richard Mroz, *2025 DOYA Chair*, NACD New Jersey Chapter

Joe Rigby, *2024 Lifetime Achievement in Governance*, NACD New Jersey Chapter

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AWARDS

AWARD	2022	2023	2024
Lifetime Achievement in Governance	Edward Ludwig	Fred Hassan	Joe Rigby
Leadership in Public Corporate Governance	Christopher Coughlin	Tim Ring	Denise Morrison
Leadership in Non-Profit Governance	Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey	Anne Evans Estabrook	John Harmon
Public Company Board of the Year	ADP	AdvanSix	American Water
Private Company Board of the Year	Solix, Inc.	Turtle	Wedgewood

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