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**METROPOLITAN BLACK BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK CITY ("MBBA")  
ANNOUNCES ITS 2012 Anniversary Awards GALA HONOREES**

MBBA President, Joseph M. Drayton, announces that the MBBA will hold its Twenty-Eighth Anniversary Awards Gala on Friday, May 18, 2012 at Gotham Hall in New York, NY. The theme of the Gala is **"Making Your Mark: Leadership, Vision and Innovation."** In addition to President Drayton, the MBBA Gala Committee members include: Kevin J. Armstrong, Kira Brereton, Paula T. Edgar, R. Nadine Fontaine, Deborah L. Martin, Stephania Stanton, Allison B. Tomlinson, Calvin E. Wingfield and the Honorable Alvin M. Yearwood. The 2012 MBBA Annual Gala Honorees are as follows:

**Trailblazer of the Year:**

James T. Breedlove  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary  
Praxair, Inc.

**Corporate Counsel of the Year:**

Carolyn A. Edgar  
Vice President and Legal Counsel  
The Estée Lauder Companies Inc.

**Private Practitioner of the Year:**

Peter C. Harvey  
Partner  
Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, LLP

**Bar Leader of the Year:**

Earamichia N. Brown  
Director of Intake and Intelligence at the Office of the Inspector General  
Metropolitan Transportation Authority

**Jurist of the Year:**

Honorable Raymond J. Lohier  
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

**Public Servant of the Year:**

Wayne S. McKenzie  
General Counsel  
New York City Department of Probation

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If you would like more information on this event, or to schedule an interview with MBBA President Joseph M. Drayton, please contact Deborah L. Martin at info@mbbanyc.org.