



### **11th Annual Good Apple Award**

On Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 2018 Massachusetts Appleseed will host its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Good Apple reception at the Boston Harbor Hotel. We are pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Good Apple Award will be Senator William "Mo" Cowan, Vice President of Litigation and Legal Policy of General Electric Company.

The Good Apple Award is presented annually to one member of our Massachusetts legal community who exemplifies MA Appleseed's commitment to public service, fairness, and social justice. Throughout his career, Mo has demonstrated his dedication to serving the public. He is a civic leader, a mentor to many, and an inspiration to all, acting with optimism and an inclusive vision at a time when inclusivity is under threat.

Senator William "Mo" Cowan is Vice President, Litigation and Legal Policy at the General Electric Company, responsible for litigation, enforcement proceedings, investigations and compliance globally. Mo joined GE after serving Of Counsel to Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, PC ("Mintz Levin") and as President and Chief Executive Officer of ML Strategies -- a full-service, bipartisan government affairs and policy consulting group -- where he advised some of the most influential business and cultural institutions.

In 2013, Mo represented the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as interim United States Senator, filling the vacancy created when John F. Kerry was appointed United States Secretary of State, and served as Chief Legal Counsel, Chief of Staff, and Senior Advisor to the Governor in the administration of former Governor Deval L. Patrick. Mo also served as a Fellow at the Harvard University Institute of Politics (Fall 2013).

During his Senate term, Mo served on the Senate Agriculture, Commerce, and Small Business Committees. He also co-chaired the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Specialty Crops, Food and Agricultural Research (Commerce Committee).

As Chief of Staff to Governor Patrick, Mo directed strategic planning, investment and operations, including oversight of the Commonwealth's multi-billion dollar, annual budgeting process. As chief strategist and crisis manager to the Governor, Mo advised on all policy matters, intergovernmental relations and gubernatorial appointments, and administered all management and personnel functions within the Governor's office.

As Chief Legal Counsel to the Governor, Mo served as the General Counsel for the Executive Office. He managed legislative, regulatory policy setting for the Office of the Governor. Mo oversaw all legal operations for the Administration including management of five deputy counsel, eight Cabinet-level general counsel, and several hundred in-house and outside counsel, the largest legal practice in the Commonwealth. Mo administered the selection and nomination of Chief Justice of Supreme Judicial Court and nearly two dozen additional judicial appointees to state administrative law panels, trial courts and appellate courts.

Prior to his public service, Mo represented a diverse array of commercial clients in matters involving corporate governance, financial mismanagement and malfeasance and money laundering investigations. Mo is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and Duke University.

Mo is a Director of Eastern Bank Corporation, Partners Healthcare, and Co-Chair of the Greater Boston YMCA Board of Overseers. He serves as a Trustee of Northeastern University and the Massachusetts General

Hospital, and is a member of the Boston Club Corporate Advisory Board, Cambridge College President's Council, Duke University Trinity Board of Visitors, and U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress. Mo is a "Good Apple" in the truest sense.