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The Good Apple Award is presented to a person in the legal or business community who exemplifies the true spirit of MA Appleseed's mission. We admire and honor Elaine Weddington Steward, Senior Vice President & Assistant General Counsel, FSG Boston, for her commitment to public service and social justice. Ms. Steward represents the very best of our legal community and serves as an inspiration to us all. She is a "Good Apple" in the truest sense.

#### **GOOD APPLE AWARD RECEPTION**

**April 12, 2023** 

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#### **AWARD PRESENTATION**

#### **Honoree Introduction**

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#### **Honoree Acceptance Remarks**

Elaine Weddington Steward
Senior Vice President & Assistant General Counsel
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#### **ELAINE WEDDINGTON STEWARD**

#### **2023 Good Apple Award Recipient**

Elaine W. Steward joined the Boston Red Sox in 1988 as associate counsel and was named assistant general manager in 1990. She worked closely with former Boston Red Sox General Managers Lou Gorman and Dan Duquette on baseball issues and was named legal counsel in 1995 and appointed Vice President in 1998. Steward was the first female and second African American Assistant General Manager in Major League Baseball. She held the position as Assistant General Manager until 2002.

Currently, Steward works in the Red Sox Legal Department on a variety of issues including employment, litigation, licensing, insurance and stadium improvements. She serves as a member of the Red Sox' Social Justice Action Committee.



Steward was a Jackie Robinson Foundation scholarship recipient graduating with honors from St. John's University earning a B.S. in Athletic Administration and a J.D. from St. John's University School of Law. She was an intern for the New York Mets public relations department and the Office of the Commissioner of Baseball through its Executive Development program.

Steward's achievements include selection as one of Ten Outstanding Young Leaders of Boston, election into the YWCA Academy of Women Achievers and receipt of the St. John's University President's Medal, National Association of Black Journalists' Sam Lacy Pioneer Award, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts Leading Women Award and Boston Business Journal Woman of Influence Award.

Steward is featured in the National Baseball Hall of Fame Women in Baseball exhibit and a Women in Baseball exhibit within Fenway Park.

She was selected by Massachusetts Senate President Karen Spilka to be featured in a photo exhibition entitled HERstory acknowledging the accomplishments of women with connections to Massachusetts.

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#### **ACCESS TO JUSTICE**

Thousands of working families facing civil legal problems who cannot afford an attorney are unjustly evicted, driven into debt, and forced through upheaval. MA Appleseed identifies how to hold our legal and governmental systems accountable so everyone can achieve a fair outcome in court and have equitable access to their legal rights. Language access is a core part of this work and MA Appleseed published a report exposing the Massachusetts child welfare system's failure to provide language access to immigrant and limited English proficient families – a failure that can lead to the wrongful separation of families and leave children traumatized. In response, MA Appleseed has launched an advocacy campaign to defend the language access rights of immigrant communities, helping found and co-lead the Mass Speaks coalition and taking action at the state and federal levels.

#### **EDUCATIONAL JUSTICE**

Dismantling the school-to-prison pipeline that disproportionately drives students of color out of their classrooms and towards incarceration has been a cornerstone of MA Appleseed's work for more than a decade. Recently, the organization has sharpened its focus on the intersection of racial and gender-based discrimination that specifically harms girls of color and deprives them of educational opportunity. MA Appleseed's latest community-led report explores stories from girls of color about the impact of harsh school discipline on their lives and offers ways to eradicate the disparities that funnel girls of color into the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Leading coalition efforts and organizing in local communities, MA Appleseed is implementing this report's 20+ recommendations to create affirming school environments grounded in restorative justice practices where girls of color are seen, safe, understood, and empowered to succeed.

#### YOUTH HOMELESSNESS

With pro bono and community partners, MA Appleseed published the Massachusetts
Homeless Youth Handbook, an online know-your-rights guide designed to help young
people experiencing homelessness overcome legal barriers and build safe, stable futures.
Building on the Handbook's success, MA Appleseed has now launched the Legal
Education, Advocacy, and Protections (LEAP) Project for Youth Experiencing
Homelessness, an expansion of this work to provide legal clinics, know-your-rights
trainings, and a stronger legal safety net for the most vulnerable youth in Massachusetts.

#### Learn more about some of our recent impact!





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## **Inspiring Progress**



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We join you in saluting Good Apple Award recipient **Elaine W. Steward**, Senior Vice President & Assistant General Counsel, FSG Boston, for her extraordinary commitment to diversity, inclusion, and social justice.





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NESN congratulates Elaine Weddington Steward, a leader and champion of diversity.

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## **Elaine W. Steward**

on receiving the Good Apple Award



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## Congratulations to this year's Good Apple Award recipient, Elaine Weddington Steward

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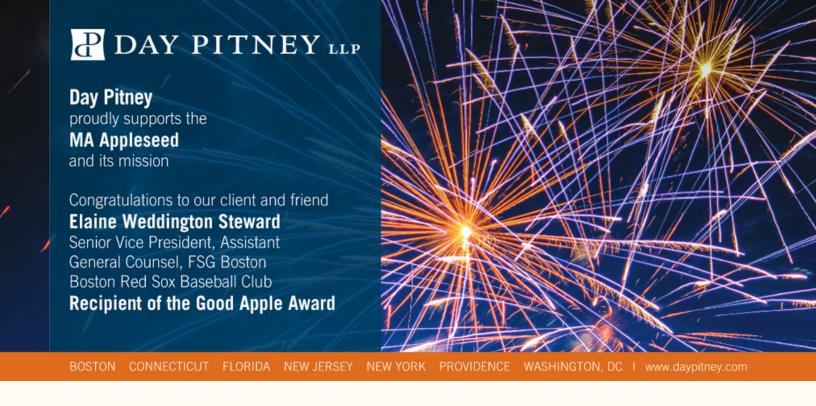
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