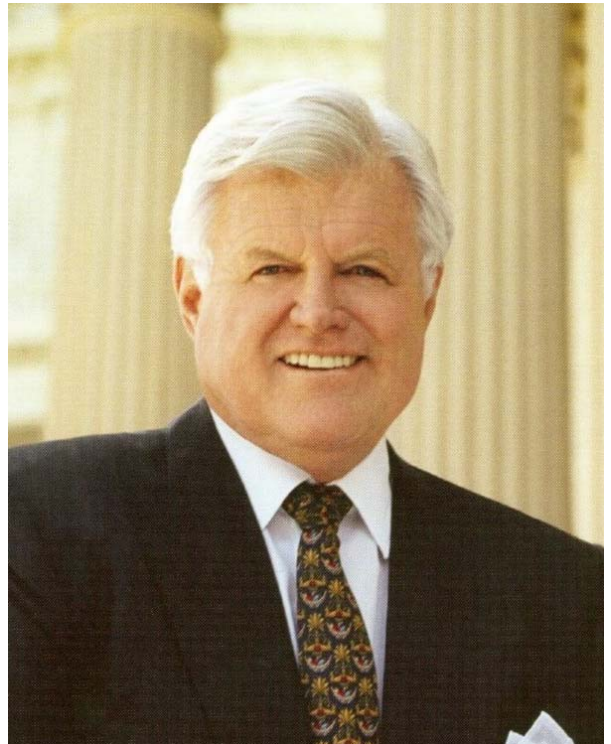

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**THE HONORABLE EDWARD M.
“TED” KENNEDY**

Recipient of the Cancer Compassion Award

The Cancer Compassion Award is presented to an individual or organization that has exemplified devotion to improving access to and quality of care among medically underserved communities.

Edward M. Kennedy is the senior United States Senator from Massachusetts and the second longest-serving current member of the Senate. He was first elected in 1962 to complete the final two years of the Senate term of his brother, Senator John F. Kennedy, who was elected President in 1960. Since then, Senator Kennedy has been re-elected to eight full terms.

Throughout his career, Senator Kennedy has been an advocate for cancer research, treatment, and prevention. In 1971, he was responsible for legislation that quadrupled the amount of funding for cancer research and prevention. In 1992, Kennedy cosponsored and Congress passed the Mammography Quality Standards Act to ensure the safety and accuracy of mammograms, and to promote the use of the procedure. In recent years, Senator Kennedy has been a strong supporter of legislation to increase research and education on blood cancers, including leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma. Currently, he is developing legislation to improve the quality of cancer care in the United States, helping to close the gap between our scientific ability to decrease cancer mortality rates and our success in doing so.

Senator Kennedy is currently Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. He also serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, where he is Chairman of the Seapower Subcommittee. In addition, he is a member of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee and the Congressional Friends of Ireland, and a trustee of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Senator Kennedy is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Virginia Law School. He lives in Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, with his wife Victoria Reggie Kennedy. Together, they have five children—Kara, Edward Jr., and Patrick Kennedy, and Curran and Caroline Raclin.

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JEANETTE A. MICHAEL, ESQ.

Recipient of the Spirit of Life Award

The Spirit of Life Award is presented to an individual whose survival story inspires courage and imparts hope to others fighting cancer.



The woman, the warrior, the winner. Her accomplishments extensive; her resume impressive; and her battle with cancer inspirational. Whether in the community, the boardroom, or among health advisors—Jeanette A. Michael is a bold competitor.

Public service has been a hallmark of Jeanette’s career. Most recently, Jeanette led the D.C. Lottery to achieve record sales as its executive director. She served as the Lottery’s first general counsel, deputy director for legislative and legal affairs for the District’s Department of Human Services, chief of staff to former Mayor Marion Barry, and board stewardship with the DC Water and Sewer Authority. She was elected to the executive committees of the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries and the Multi-State Lottery Association.

A New York City native, Jeanette earned her juris doctor from The George Washington University and her bachelor’s degree from Manhattanville College. A certified public manager and member of the DC Bar, she has received numerous commendations, including the Meritorious Public Service Award and Certificate of Merit from the D.C. government; the Extraordinary Service to the Law School and General Alumni Association Service Achievement Awards from GW; the Lottery Service Excellence and Outstanding Achievement Awards from the lottery industry, and the Hall of Fame and Excellence in Public Service Awards from the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

Jeanette serves on the GW Board of Trustees and the Manhattanville College Alumni Board. As a member of the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, she served as president of the DC Chapter and as a mentor and trainer in public administration. She was also selected to serve as a member of Leadership Greater Washington.

Diagnosed in 2002 with stage III breast cancer, Jeanette underwent a mastectomy, aggressive chemotherapy, and radiation. Andrea Roane of WUSA Channel 9 News interviewed Jeanette twice for the breast cancer awareness program, Buddy Check 9, and Doreen Gentzler of NBC4 reported on Jeanette being a five-year breast cancer survivor in 2007. Shortly thereafter, the cancer returned and spread throughout Jeanette’s body. Today, she continues to battle this disease and inspires the woman, the warrior, and the winner in us all.

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RACHEL F. BREM, MD

**Recipient of the Commitment to Overcoming Cancer
Award**

The Commitment to Overcoming Cancer Award is presented to an individual or team who exemplifies the GW Medical Center commitment to overcoming cancer through patient care, outreach, research, education, and/or policy work.



Rachel Brem, MD, is a renowned expert in the field of breast imaging and intervention. She is the director of Breast Imaging and Intervention, professor of Radiology, and vice-chair for research and faculty development in the Department of Radiology at The George Washington University Medical Center.

Dr. Brem has extensive research and clinical experience in minimally-invasive breast biopsy and new technologies for earlier breast cancer diagnosis, including computer-aided detection, molecular imaging, and magnetic resonance imaging. She is the principal investigator of a multi-institutional trial evaluating computer-aided detection of breast cancer, and of a GW trial evaluating nuclear medicine imaging for improved breast cancer diagnosis.

Dr. Brem has extensively published on topics related to breast cancer and has chapters in various books, including *Advances in Radiology & Radiation Oncology* and *Contemporary Diagnostic Radiology*. Presently she serves as a reviewer to numerous journals including *The Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, the *American Journal of Roentgenology*, *The Breast Journal*, the *Journal of Nuclear Medicine* and the *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*.

Dr. Brem has received numerous awards, honors, and recognition throughout her career, including *Jewish Women International's* "Ten Women to Watch," the *Journal of Women's Imaging's* "Editor's Recognition Award" and the International Biographical Center's "Woman of the Year." Presently she is recognized in *Who's Who Among American Women*.

Dr. Brem earned her medical degree from Columbia University. She completed her internship in internal medicine at the Sinai Hospital of Baltimore and her residency in radiology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. She pursued further training in magnetic resonance imaging and breast imaging as a fellow at the Johns Hopkins Hospital Department of Radiology and Radiological Science. Since completion of her training, Dr. Brem was the Director of Breast Imaging and served on the faculty at Johns Hopkins.