

## Ben Heineman and Seth Waxman Elected as Fellows to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences

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The American Academy of Arts and Sciences recently announced the election of 175 new Fellows and 20 new Foreign Honorary Members. WilmerHale Senior Counsel [Ben Heineman](#), and Partner [Seth Waxman](#), are two of only three law firm lawyers elected to this Fellow class, which includes President George H.W. Bush, President Bill Clinton, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. and Sir Paul Nurse.

The scholars, scientists, artists, civic, corporate and philanthropic leaders receiving this honor come from 24 states and 13 countries, and range in age from 37 to 83 years old. More than 60 universities, a dozen corporations, as well as museums, research institutes, media outlets and foundations are represented among this year's newly elected members.

Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members are nominated and elected to the Academy by current members. A broad-based membership comprised of scholars and practitioners from mathematics, physics, biological sciences, social sciences, humanities and the arts, public affairs and business, gives the Academy a unique capacity to conduct a wide range of interdisciplinary studies and public policy research.

The Academy will welcome this year's new class at its annual Induction Ceremony on October 7, at its headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Founded in 1780 by John Adams, James Bowdoin, John Hancock and other scholar-patriots, the Academy has elected as Fellows and Foreign Honorary Members the finest minds and most influential leaders from each generation, including George Washington and Ben Franklin in the eighteenth century, Daniel Webster and Ralph Waldo Emerson in the nineteenth, and Albert Einstein and Winston Churchill in the twentieth. The current membership includes more than 170 Nobel laureates and 50 Pulitzer Prize winners. An independent policy research center, the Academy undertakes studies of complex and emerging problems. Current Academy research focuses on science and global security; social policy; the humanities and culture; and education.

To view the full list of Fellows and their Affiliations, click [here](#).