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### **Wilkinson accepts annual Wilbur Parker award**

Current and prospective students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends packed the foyer of the Carrier Ballroom at the Statler Hotel on Friday, October 20, for the presentation of the Wilbur Parker Alumni Award, one of the high points of the sixth annual symposium of the Black Graduate Business Association (BGBA).

Dean Robert Swieringa, the Anne and Elmer Lindseth Dean, took the podium to introduce this year's recipient, Laura Wilkinson MBA '85, JD '86, a partner in the Washington, DC-based law office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, and a top lawyer in antitrust and trade regulation practice. Her career spans a stint as staff attorney in the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition, and later as deputy assistant director of that bureau.

"Her successful academic and professional careers and her longstanding commitment to community service embody the qualities that the BGBA members seek to recognize with this prestigious award," Swieringa said.

The award is named in honor of the Johnson School's first African-American graduate, Wilbur Parker, MBA '50, who spoke briefly at the reception. The award was established as a legacy to the Johnson School and as a catalyst for African-American alumni, students, and the greater school community to come together, connect with one another, and celebrate personal and professional achievements.