

## Newark Mayor Cory Booker and Former P&G Chair John Pepper to Speak at Annual Meeting of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

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WASHINGTON--(EON: [Enhanced Online News](#))--The second annual membership meeting of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) in Washington, D.C., will feature two of the nation's most dynamic leaders and speakers.

Newark Mayor Cory Booker and former Procter & Gamble CEO and Chair John Pepper will address the Sept. 14-16 gathering of managing partners of the nation's largest law firms and the general counsel of Fortune 500 corporations.

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"We're tremendously excited to have these two inspiring leaders speak to our group which itself is made up of the leaders of the legal profession," said Rick Palmore, LCLD Chair.

"Our mission is to advance diversity and to work to ensure that critical talent -- particularly from diverse backgrounds -- is not ignored or wasted, but rather invested wisely into the work of our profession."

Founded in 2009, the LCLD has launched strategic initiatives designed to strengthen and diversify the legal education pipeline, to advance next-generation, high-potential attorneys from all backgrounds, and to create career opportunities for diverse attorneys at the highest levels of law firms and corporate legal departments.

"We know there will be valuable insights to be shared by both of these outstanding speakers," said Robert J. Grey, Jr., LCLD Executive Director.

As Mayor of Newark, New Jersey since 2006, Cory Booker has earned a reputation as one of our country's most innovative and effective public servants. Under his leadership, the city has reduced crime, created jobs, and brought a sense of renewal to streets where hope was once in short supply.

John E. Pepper's record as a values-driven chief executive has made him one of the country's most respected business leaders. After a 40-year career at Procter & Gamble, including two years as CEO, Pepper now serves as Chairman of the Walt Disney Company and as CEO of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. His much admired 2007 book, [What Really Matters: Service, Leadership, People, and Values](#), includes a chapter on the "single, most positive change" he saw at Procter & Gamble during his tenure: "the dramatically increased diversity of our employees."

For more information on the 2011 LCLD annual meeting, contact: Joe Slay at 804.350.7089 or [joe.slay@slaycommunications.com](mailto:joe.slay@slaycommunications.com) .

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