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#### THE IRELAND FUNDS 2021 DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AWARD

Martin J. Walsh | 29th Secretary of Labor, The United States of America

#### THE IRELAND FUNDS 2021 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

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## The 40th Annual Boston Gala

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 | The Westin Boston Waterfront | Black Tie

The Ireland Funds 2021 Distinguished Leadership Award

Martin J. Walsh 29th Secretary of Labor The United States of America The Ireland Funds 2021 Humanitarian Award

> Anne M. Finucane Vice Chair Bank of America

6:30 PM | Cocktail Reception Dinner & Awards Presentation

### Honoree: Martin J. Walsh

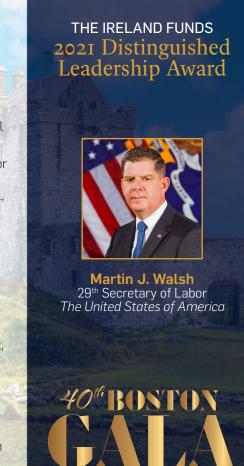
Martin J. Walsh was sworn in as the 29th Secretary of Labor on March 23, 2021. A lifelong champion of equity and fairness, and a proud product of the City of Boston, Secretary Walsh leads the U.S. Department of Labor with a strong connection to working people, and a commitment to creating an economy that works for all.

In 1997, he was elected to serve as a State Representative for one of the most diverse districts in Massachusetts. There, he focused on creating good jobs, protecting workers' rights, expanding mental health treatment, and investing in public transit.

Following his time as a State Representative, Secretary Walsh spent the last seven years as the Mayor of the City of Boston. While mayor, he led the creation of close to 140,000 jobs and helped secure a statewide \$15/hour minimum wage, paid sick leave, and paid parental leave. He established Universal, high-quality Pre-Kindergarten for all children, and free community college for low-income students. Secretary Walsh was a national leader in the response to COVID-19, getting PPE to first responders and nursing homes; funding emergency child care for healthcare and frontline workers; halting evictions and providing rental relief; and setting up multiple funds to help small businesses survive. His work early in the pandemic to pause construction and establish safety requirements has been lauded as a model by both unions and employers alike.

As Mayor of Boston, Secretary Walsh also made his mark as a labor leader. After following his father into Laborers Local 223 in Boston, he rose to head the Building and Construction Trades Council from 2011 to 2013. He worked with business and community leaders to promote high-quality development, and he created a program called Building Pathways that has become a model for increasing diversity in the workplace and providing good career opportunities for women and people of color.

Born and raised in the neighborhood of Dorchester by Irish immigrant parents, Secretary Walsh is driven to ensure our nation's economy works for everyone. Secretary Walsh is a survivor of Burkitt lymphoma and is a proud member of the recovery community who has worked to expand addiction treatment throughout his career. While working full-time as a legislator, he returned to school to earn a degree in Political Science at Boston College.



#### Honoree: Anne M. Finucane

Anne M. Finucane is vice chairman at Bank of America and also serves as chairman of the board of Bank of America Europe. As a member of the executive management team, Finucane is responsible for the strategic positioning of Bank of America and leads the company's environmental, social and governance (ESG), sustainable finance, capital deployment and public policy efforts.

As chairman of the board of Bank of America Europe, the firm's EU bank headquartered in Dublin, Finucane oversees more than €60 billion in assets. Finucane also serves on the board of BofA Securities Europe SA, the bank's EU broker-dealer in Paris, with both entities playing a critical role in the company's post Brexit European growth strategy. Bank of America has almost 3,000 employees across both entities.

Finucane chairs the Global ESG Committee at Bank of America, which directs all of the company's ESG efforts. She also co-chairs the Sustainable Markets Committee with COO Tom Montag, which collaborates across business lines to deliver innovative financing solutions in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including affordable housing, sustainable energy, clean water and sanitation, education and health care. She stewards Bank of America's \$1.5 trillion by 2030 environmental business initiative, oversees the company's \$1.8 billion Community Development Financial Institution portfolio and chairs the Bank of America Charitable Foundation.

Active in the community, Finucane serves on a variety of corporate and nonprofit boards of directors including Carnegie Hall, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, the World Bank Group's Women Entrepreneurs Finance Initiative (We-Fi), CVS Health, Mass General Brigham, Special Olympics, the (RED) Advisory Board, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and The Ireland Funds America. She served on the U.S. State Department's Foreign Affairs Policy board and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Finucane has received numerous professional and public service accolades. She has regularly been named to Forbes' and Fortune's Most Powerful Women lists, along with American Banker's 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking. In 2021, Finucane was named one of Barron's 100 Most Powerful Women and Forbes' 50 over 50. In 2019, Finucane received the Edward M. Kennedy Institute Award for Inspired Leadership. She and her husband, journalist Mike Barnicle, live outside of Boston, where they raised their four children.



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