

# ‘We are Boston’ honors Margaret Marshall

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Add another tribute to the long list of them heaped on **Margaret Marshall** (below) over the course of her career.

Monday night, the former chief justice of the state’s highest court received the 2014 “We Are Boston Leadership Award,” which honors people and organizations that embrace diversity and immigrant heritage. Marshall, of course, is a native of South Africa and wrote the 2003 Supreme Judicial Court opinion that legalized same-sex marriage in Massachusetts. She was also the first female general counsel of Harvard University.

“She’s made so many contributions to various communities here, but she’s always had her immigrant perspective and her gratitude for the rule of law,” said **John Nadas**, chairman of **Choate, Hall & Stewart**, where Marshall was previously a partner and is now senior counsel.

Marshall was a natural for the honor, said **Agnes Chang** of the Mayor’s Office of New Bostonians, which picks the recipients, because “her whole mission has been focused on humanity for all.” **Mayor Martin J. Walsh** presented the award.

--*Sacha Pfeiffer*