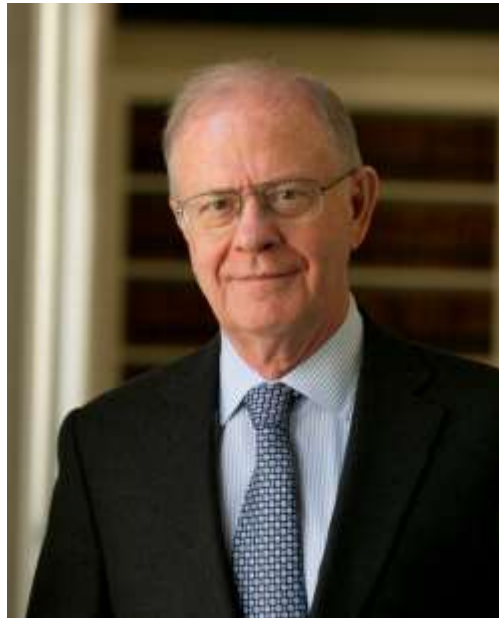


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**Former New York Bar Foundation President Robert L. Haig  
Receives Lifetime Achievement Award**



Robert L. Haig

The New York Bar Foundation will present its Lifetime Achievement Award to attorney Robert L. Haig later this month at the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) Annual Meeting in New York City.

Haig, a partner at Kelley Drye, has been an extraordinary supporter of the foundation and served as its president from 2003 to 2006. The award will be presented by Foundation President Lesley Rosenthal at the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Foundation, as part of the NYSBA House of Delegates meeting on Friday, January 31.

The New York Bar Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes extraordinary fellows of the foundation. The award is bestowed upon a fellow who demonstrates outstanding professional achievement, dedication to the legal profession, exemplary service to the public good, and commitment to the ideals of the foundation.

The selection was made by the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee of the foundation board and was enthusiastically ratified by the full board of directors. “Bob Haig epitomizes the values of this award,” stated Committee Chair and Chair of the Fellows Emily F. Franchina. “His leadership of the foundation sparked monumental change and growth. He urged us to aim higher, and we did.”

“To the legal world at large, Bob Haig is known as one of New York’s and the nation’s foremost litigators and authors focusing on business and commercial litigation,” said Foundation Board Member Susan B. Lindenauer. “What is not as well-known is the role that Bob Haig has played in expanding the mission and effectiveness of the New York Bar Foundation.” Bob stated that his goal as president was to expand the impact and influence of The New York Bar Foundation. He felt that the foundation was underutilized and undercapitalized and had to improve its fundraising capacity.

“Among many efforts that Bob initiated or expanded, he made a point to reach out to NYSBA sections and section members,” Lindenauer continued. “These efforts resulted in a number of specific programs, such as section fellowships and scholarships, as well as new relationships with section leaders and members as prospective fellows and other supporters.”

Haig also played a major role in creating and expanding the Foundation Fellows Circles of Giving, which provide further recognition for fellows who continue to provide financial support after they fulfill their initial fellows pledge.

The creation of the foundation’s Cy Pres and Restricted Gifts Committee, which promotes funding and visibility for the foundation was another initiative promoted by Bob.

“Bob’s contributions to the long-term health and visibility of the foundation also included strengthening the foundation’s governance and planning capacity as well as the professionalism of its staff,” Lindenauer added.

“Through extraordinary personal outreach efforts, Bob connected hundreds of individuals and law firms to the foundation, inspiring them through shared values of access to justice, devotion to the state of New York, and love of the law,” said New York Bar Foundation President Lesley Rosenthal. “Bob’s vision and his efforts have fueled the Foundation’s good works, for decades and in perpetuity.”

“To Bob, the goals that the foundation has set for itself through its board are of great value to the standing of the legal profession and of benefit to society,” Rosenthal added. “Bob Haig views the work of the foundation as a great work in progress, in which he assuredly remains involved. And for that we are eternally grateful.”

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