

## The New York Bar Foundation Annual Meeting MINUTES

## January 31, 2020 New York Hilton Midtown, New York City

## PRESENT:

Aaron; Adigwe; Alcott; Alomar; Arenson; Baum; Behrins; Bennett; Berman; Billings; Braunstein; Breding; Brown, T.A.; Buholtz; Burke; Buzard; Caceres; Castellano; Chang, V.; Christensen; Christian; Christopher; Cilenti; Coffey; Cohen, D.; Cohen, M.; Cohen, O.; Cohn; Connery; Crawford; Dean; Disare; Doerr; Doxey; Eberle; Effman; Eng; Fallek; Fennell; Fernandez; Ferrara; Finerty; First; Fishberg; Fogel; Foley; Fox; Freedman, H.; Friedman; Frumkin; Genoa; Gerstman; Grady; Graves-Poller; Greenberg; Griesemer; Griffin; Grimaldi; Gross; Gutekunst; Gutenberger Grossman; Gutierrez; Haig; Harper; Heller; Fines; Hobika; Holtzman; Jackson; Jaglom; James; Kamins; Karson; Katz; Kean; Kearns; Kelly, K.; Kelly, M.; Kiernan; Koch; Krajewski; Kretser; LaBarbera; Lau-Kee; Lawrence; Leber; Leventhal; Levin Wallach; Levin; Levy; Lewis; Lindenauer; Lugo; MacLean; Madden; Madigan; Maldonado; Mandell; Margolin; Marinaccio; Markowitz; Marotta; Martin Owens; Martin; Matos; May; McCasnn; McNamara, C.; McNamara, M.; Meyer; Miller, C.; Miller, M.; Minkoff; Minkowitz; Miranda; Mohun; Montagnino; Moore; Muller; Mulry; Napoletano; Nowotarski; O'Connell; O'Donnell; Onderdonk; Palermo, C.; Perlman; Pessala; Pitegoff; Pleat; Poster-Zimmerman; Purcell; Radick; Ranni; Richardson; Rivera, J.; Russell; Ryan; Santiago; Scheinkman; Schofield; Schrag; Schraver; Schriever; Scott; Sen; Shafer; Shamoon; Sharkey; Sheldon; Sigmond; Silkenat; Simon; Singer; Skidelsky; Sonberg; Spolzino; Standard; Starkman; Sweet; Taylor; Tennant; Tesser; Triebwasser; van der Meulen; Ventura; Vigdor; Warner; Westlake; Wimpfheimer; Yeung-Ha; Young; Younger.

President Lesley F. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

**Approval of minutes:** On a motion duly made and carried, the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the New York Bar Foundation on January 18, 2019 were approved.

**Report of officers:** Lesley F. Rosenthal, President presented the 2019 Annual Report of the New York Bar Foundation, copies of which were distributed. The Annual Report sets forth in detail the operations and activities of the Foundation during 2019. Ms. Rosenthal shared highlights including:

- Applying a data driven approach to enhance Access to Justice and the Rule of Law, the Foundation awarded 87 grants to legal services organizations addressing essentials of life across New York State.
- With the support of Chief Judge DiFiore, the Foundation administered 57 paid public service summer internships through every law school in New York State through the Catalyst program.
- The Foundation welcomed 65 new Fellows, the highest year-over-year increase in recent memory, surpassing our goal. 31 Fellows moved into higher Circles of Giving.

• Fueled by social media, the Foundation surpassed our fundraising goal to assist veterans in need of legal assistance through our 2019 online Veteran's Day appeal.

Ms. Rosenthal closed her report by thanking generous donors for making our good works possible and reminding attendees about forthcoming opportunities to give in honor of the Foundation's upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Ratification and confirmation of actions of the Board**: A motion was adopted ratifying, confirming, and approving the actions of the Board of Directors since the 2019 Annual Meeting.

**Report of Nominating Committee:** Reporting on behalf of the Nominating Committee, Chair David M. Schraver provided an overview of the matrix utilized to assess the needs and skill sets of the board for recruitment purposes. Mr. Schraver placed in nomination the following slate of nominees presented by the Committee for the position of Director for terms commencing June 1, 2020 for term ending May 31, 2023:

- William T. Russell, New York City
- Mirna M. Santiago, Pawling

A motion was adopted electing said Directors.

**Presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award:** President Rosenthal presented Robert L. Haig with the Foundation's Lifetime Achievement Award in honor of his outstanding professional achievements, dedication to the legal profession, exemplary service to the public good, and commitment to the ideals of the Foundation.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Pamela McDevitt Secretary