

**The New York Bar Foundation  
Annual Meeting  
MINUTES**

**REMOTE MEETING  
JANUARY 30, 2021**

**PRESENT:**

Abneri; Adigwe; Alcott; Alicea; Alomar; Alsina; Fernandez; Bahn; Barnes; Bascoe; Battistoni; Baum; Behrins; Beltran; Berkey; Berman; Betz; Billings; Bladykas; Boston; Buholtz; Buzard; Castellano; Chambers; Chandrasekhar; Chang; Christopher; Cohen; Cohen; Cohen; Cohn; Cooper; Dean; DeFio Kean; Degnan; Doerr; Doxey; Doyle; Eberle; Effman; England; Fallek; Fennell; Fernandez; Filabi; Filemyr; Finerty; First; Fishberg; Foley; Fox; Fox; Freedman; Frumkin; Genoa; Gerstman; Getnick; Gilmartin; Gold; Good; Grady; Grays; Griesemer; Grimaldi; Gross; Gutekunst; Gutenberger; Gutierrez; Hack; Harper; Hartman; Heath; Hobika; Holtzman; Jaglom; James; Jimenez; Jochmans; Joseph; Kamins; Kammholz; Kapnick; Katz; Kehoe; Kelly; Kendall; Kenney; Kiernan; Kimura; Kirby; Kobak; Kretser; Kretzing; LaBarbera; Lanouette; Lara; LaRose; Lau-Kee; Lawrence; Leber; Leo; Lessard; Leventhal; Levin; Levy; Lewis; Lindenauer; Lisi; Lugo; MacLean; Madigan; Maldonado; Marinaccio; Markowitz; Maroney; Marotta; Matos; May; McAvey; McElwreath; McGinn; McNamara; McNamara; Meyer; Meyer; Middleton; Miller; Miller; Millett; Milone; Minkoff; Minkowitz; Miranda; Montagnino; Moore; Moretti; Morrissey; Mukerji; Muller; Mulry; Napoletano; Newman; Noble; Nolan; Nolfo; O'Brien; O'Connell; O'Connell; O'Donnell; Onderdonk; Owens; Palermo; Palermo; Palumbo; Pappalardo; Perlman; Pessala; Pitegoff; Pleat; Poster-Zimmerman; Purcell; Radick; Reed; Reed; Riano; Riano; Richardson; Richman; Richter; Rivera Agosto; Robinson; Rosenthal; Rosenthal; Russ; Russell; Ryan; Ryba; Safer; Samuels; Santiago; Scheinkman; Schofield; Schraver; Schwartz-Wallace; Scott; Seiden; Sen; Shafer; Shafiqullah; Shampnoi; Shapiro; Sheldon; Shoemaker; Sigmond; Silkenat; Sise; Slavit; Sonberg; Starkman; Stockli; Stoeckmann; Swanson; Sweet; Tambasco; Taylor; Tesser; Triebwasser; van der Meulen; ;Vaughn; Ventura; Vigdor; Warner; Waterman; Weiss; Westlake; Whiteley; Wimpfhiemer; Wolff; Woodley; Yeung-Ha; Young; Younger; Zimmerman

President Lesley F. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.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, 2020 were approved.

**Report of officers:** Lesley F. Rosenthal thanked the lease negotiating teams for their efforts in working toward a positive outcome of the building discussions, reaffirming the desire of the Foundation to continue to work together and their appreciation of the long and valuable relationship with the association. She noted that the Foundation would welcome an opportunity to meet to discuss the matter. Ms. Rosenthal noted the distribution of the Annual Report which sets forth in detail the operations and activities of the Foundation during 2020. Ms. Rosenthal shared Foundation highlights including:

- Allocated more than \$750,00 in grants to 138 grantees across the State for innovative legal services providing access to justice to the least fortunate among us. Through special purpose fundraising efforts, grants were also distributed for COVID19 Emergency Legal Relief as well as assisting veterans in need. Page 35 of the report was referenced that outlines the grants distribution.
- Despite the pandemic, the Foundation distributed \$236,000 in fellowships and scholarships benefiting eighty-two students. This included 60 Catalyst Fellowships from the program inspired by Chief Judge Janet DiFiore and matched by every law school in the state.
- In the Foundation's call to action report on Racial Justice, the Foundation researched the connections between racial justice and the rule of law. The Foundation has committed to investing in organizations tackling racism in a systematic and sustained way and has been in touch with NYSBA Task Force Co-chairs T. Andrew Brown and Taa Grays to see how we can work together on this important issue.
- On the topic of women and access to justice, Ms. Rosenthal presented at the 2020 second circuit judicial conference on behalf of the Foundation highlighting the Foundation's work in funding access to justice programs assisting women in human trafficking cases, family law matters, and immigration matters.

Ms. Rosenthal thanked the sponsors of the recent Annual Assembly of the Fellows held on January 29, noting that the inaugural President's award was presented to the Honorable Sol Wachtler.

**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 2020 Annual Meeting.

**Report of Nominating Committee:** Reporting on behalf of the Nominating Committee, Chair David M. Schrauer placed in nomination the following slate of nominees presented by the Committee for the position of Director for terms commencing June 1, 2021 for term ending May 31, 2024:

- Vincent E. Doyle, Buffalo
- Lauren E. Sharkey, Schenectady

A motion was adopted electing said Directors.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela McDevitt  
Secretary