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## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** DECEMBER 28, 2023

**RE:** NYSBA LOCAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT LAW SECTION  
NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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### Introduction

Our Section Bylaws authorize an Executive Committee of up to 18 members, excluding officers and former chairs. Members are appointed for two years terms, effective on June 1, with certain exceptions, as will be noted below.

We presently have 18 filled Executive Committee positions, as follows:

- Wade Beltramo
- Jim Bilik
- Darrin Derosia

- Spencer Fisher
- Marisa Franchini
- Drew Gamils
- Michelle Kelson
- Katie Hodgdon
- Martha Krisel
- A. Thomas Levin
- Chuck Malcomb
- Kristen Motel
- Bernis Nelson
- Natasha Phillip
- Bob Smith
- Dan Spitzer
- Anna Vikse
- Mindy Zoghlin

### The Bylaws

Pursuant to the Bylaws, we are to have an even number of two year terms ending in even and odd number years.

### Nominations for Executive Committee Members Positions

The following Members are eligible for nomination for two-year terms effective June 1, 2024:

- Jim Bilik
- Spencer Fisher
- Drew Gamils
- Kristen Motel
- Natasha Phillip
- Bob Smith
- Dan Spitzer
- Anna Vikse

All have expressed the desire to be re-nominated, and the Nominating Committee recommends that all be renominated for terms effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026.

Executive Committee Member Katie Hodgdon was appointed earlier this year by the Executive Committee to fill a vacant Executive Committee position. Her term expires

on May 31, 2024. The Nominating Committee recommends that she be appointed to a two-year term, expiring on May 31, 2026.

There will also be a vacancy, effective June 1, 2024, created by the promotion to the Executive Board of an Executive Committee member. The person filling the vacancy will serve a two-year term effective June 1, 2024.

With regard to this vacancy, the Nominating Committee discussed its strong interest in enhancing Executive Committee diversity in both traditional and nontraditional ways, including practice areas and geographic region. We also considered the importance of implementing promotions for people who have been actively involved in attending Section meetings, committee meetings, writing articles and speaking at Section-sponsored events.

There is a Section member who has stood out as meeting these criteria and whom the Nominating Committee, therefore, recommends be elected to the Executive Committee for a two-year term effective June 1, 2024 through May 31, 2026:

- Eric Gordon

I abstained from this vote due to my joining Eric's firm, Keane & Beane, P.C., on January 1, 20024.

#### Nominations for Executive Board Positions

Lisa Cobb rotates off as Chair effective June 1, 2024, and First Vice-Chair Steve Leventhal's, Second Vice-Chair Adam Wekstein's and Secretary Chris Trapp's terms end at the same time.

The Nominating Committee, consistent with Section practice, unanimously recommends that Steve Leventhal become Chair, Adam Wekstein become First Vice-Chair, and Chris Trapp become Second Vice Chair, all effective June 1, 2024.

With regard to the vacancy in the Secretary position created by these promotions, the Nominating Committee, applying the same criteria as described above, unanimously nominates long-time Executive Committee Member Natasha Phillip for promotion to Section Secretary.

Nominations for House of Delegate Representative and Alternate

Sharon Berlin, our former Chair, has agreed to continue her service to the Section by accepting nomination as our House of Delegates Representative effective June 1, 2024.

Mike Kenneally (who abstained from this vote) has agreed to continue to serve as our Alternate Delegate, and is hereby nominated for appointment, effective June 1, 2024.

This represents the Nominating Committee's unanimous (except as described above due to abstentions) Report.