

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
JULY 10, 2023**

Present: Bridgette Ahn, Gregory K. Arenson, Hon. Karen T. Beltran, Jane Bello Burke, David Louis Cohen, Taa R. Grays, Susan L. Harper, LaMarr J. Jackson, Sherry Levin Wallach, Richard C. Lewis, Michael A. Marinaccio, Michael A. Markowitz, Thomas J. Maroney, Michael R. May, Michael J. McNamara, Ronald C. Minkoff, Domenick Napoletano, Barry Skidelsky, Kathleen M. Sweet, Pauline Yeung-Ha

Mr. Lewis presided over the meeting as President of the Association.

1. Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Mission Statement of Task Force on Artificial Intelligence. Mr. Lewis advised the members of the Executive Committee on the establishment of a Task Force on Artificial Intelligence. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the mission statement, after which a motion to table this item for future consideration by the Executive Committee failed to carry. The main motion was then adopted, and the following mission statement approved:

The Task Force on Artificial Intelligence will examine the legal, social, and ethical impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on the legal profession. The Task Force will review AI-based software, generative AI technology, and other machine learning tools that may enhance the profession and that pose risks for individual attorneys dealing with new, unfamiliar technology, and courts concerned about the integrity of the judicial process. Also, the Task Force will explore the positive and negative implications of AI use by the legal community and the general public, including effects on access to justice, legal regulations, and privacy preservation. As it engages in its work, the Task Force will consult and ensure alignment of approaches, where appropriate, with other entities within the Association, including but not limited to the Committee on Technology and the Legal Profession, the Task Force on Emerging Digital Finance and Currency, the Working Group on Facial Recognition Technology and Access to Legal Representation, and relevant sections. Lastly, the Task Force will develop policies for bar association adoption and suggest legislation to govern effective and responsible AI use.

3. Approval of Mission Statement of Task Force on the 2024 Civics Convocation. Mr. Lewis reported that a task force would be formed to oversee planning for the 2024 Civics Convocation. After discussion, a motion was duly carried to approve the mission statement of the Task Force on the 2024 Civics Convocation, which reads as follows:

The New York State Bar Association will host a day-long Convocation on Civics which will pose the question:

“How can we face the challenges of civics education to preserve and protect our democracy?”

Civics education is crucial to the rule of law. The lack of a civically educated and involved citizenry is a threat to judicial independence, separation of powers and constitutional principles. Civility in public discourse is a value we must teach and model for our children and one another. To address the current crisis in civics, we will gather expert speakers and panelists who are leading lights from the worlds of education and law to discuss and debate problems and solutions. Student voices will be highlighted in each panel.

The Task Force aims to reach a wide group of lawyers, judges, teaching professionals, students, and parents. This will be a live in-person gathering. For all who are not in attendance, a recorded version of the proceedings will be made widely available.

The Task Force will create and publish a report of findings from the Convocation with recommendations for moving forward.

4. Amendment of Name of Task Force on Affirmative Action. Mr. Lewis advised that the co-chairs of the Task Force on Affirmative Action had requested that the Task Force be renamed as the Task Force on Advancing Diversity. After discussion, a motion was duly carried to amend the name of the Task Force on Affirmative Action to be the Task Force on Advancing Diversity.
5. Date and place of next meeting. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Friday, November 3, 2023, in person at the Bar Center in Albany, New York, with an option for remote participation via Zoom.
4. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Taa R. Grays

Secretary