

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
REMOTE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023**

Present: Gregory K. Arenson, Jane Bello Burke, Hon. Karen Beltran, David Louis Cohen, Sarah E. Gold, 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, Hon. James P. Murphy, Domenick Napoletano, Christopher R. Riano, Lauren E. Sharkey, Barry D. Skidelsky, Kathleen M. Sweet, Kaylin L. Whittingham, Pauline Yeung-Ha

Invited Guests: Co-chairs, Secretary Jeh C. Johnson, Brad S. Karp, Esq., Loretta Lynch (unable to attend)

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

1. Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order.
2. Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on Advancing Diversity

Mr. Lewis introduced the chairs of the Task Force on Advancing Diversity, Secretary Jeh C. Johnson and Brad S. Karp. Jeh Johnson and Brad Karp provided an overview and summary of the Report of the Task Force on Advancing Diversity. Mr. Lewis thanked the Task Force chairs, committee members and select staff for their work in completing the report over the summer. Members of the executive committee were provided time for comment. The members suggested several edits to the Report including a footnote to reference the recommendations in the summary, revising the placement of a footnote reference to prior NYSBA reports on diversity and revising the language in the summary.

The House of Delegates will receive a report of the action taken by the Executive Committee in November.

A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on Advancing Diversity. The motion passed.

3. Recommendations of the Corporate Counsel Section : “Friend of the Section Award”

The NYSBA Corporate Counsel Section Executive Committee sought approval to present a “Friend of the Section” award to Robert Haig, a partner at Kelley, Drye & Warren, in recognition of his many years supporting the section. A letter from Joy D. Echer, Chair Corporate Counsel Section was circulated to the Executive Committee.

A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Corporate Counsel Section presenting an award to Robert Haig in recognition of his service to the section. The motion passed.

4. Date and place of next meeting. The next meeting of the Executive Committee will take place on Friday, November 3, 2023, at the Bar Center in Albany, with an option for remote participation.
5. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting of the Executive Committee was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Taa R. Grays
Secretary