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**Committed to Diversity & Inclusion New York County Lawyers Association Swears-In
First Openly LGBT Bar President
Stephen C. Lessard Sworn in as NYCLA's 64th Bar President**

May 23, 2019 – New York New York Stephen C. Lessard, Senior Associate at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP and a 20-year veteran of the United States Navy was sworn in as President of the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA) at their annual meeting held at the Association's headquarters on Thursday evening.

Mr. Lessard will assume presidential responsibilities immediately. The focus for his term will be to ensure the NYCLA has a smooth transition to their new headquarters at 28 Liberty Street upon approval from the NYS Office of the Attorney General while ensuring that NYCLA continues to support the rule of law and serve its members. NYCLA has pioneered some of the most far-reaching and tangible reforms to improve the rule of law and one of Mr. Lessard's first actions as President will be the formation of a task force to examine fees paid to counsel assigned to indigent defendants in New York.

"I am energized to be at the helm during such a time of change and evolution for NYCLA. I am supported by a strong group of Board leaders and staff and we are eager to embrace this new era for NYCLA and our Members" said Lessard.

About the New York County Lawyers Association

The New York County Lawyers Association (www.nycla.org) was founded in 1908 as one of the first major bar association in the country that admitted members without regard to race, ethnicity, religion or gender. NYCLA has historically been one of the largest and most influential county bar associations in the country. For more information on NYCLA please visit nycla.org

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