

**Notice of Annual Meeting & Reception New York County Lawyers Association  
May 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.**

**Annual Report of the President  
Treasurer's Report  
Election of Officers and Directors  
Election of Committee on Nominations**

**Proxy:**

Included on page 2 is a proxy for your use if you cannot attend the Annual Meeting. Please send your completed proxy by e-mail to [myproxy@nycla.org](mailto:myproxy@nycla.org) so it is received no later than **May 26, 2026**. You will receive confirmation upon receipt. If you have any questions, please email Sharon Sash, NYCLA General Counsel and Director of Pro Bono, at [ssash@nycla.org](mailto:ssash@nycla.org).

**The 2026 Annual Meeting will be conducted in hybrid format, in person at 111 Broadway and via Zoom.**

On March 3, 2026, the following members were nominated as Officers of the Association by the Committee on Nominations, to serve a term of one-year:

**Officers:**

Ronald C. Minkoff, *President*  
Henry M. Greenberg, *President-Elect*  
Hon. Rolando T. Acosta (Ret.), *Vice President*  
Asha Smith, *Treasurer*  
Jai K. Chandrasekhar, *Secretary*

**Directors:**

On March 3, 2026, the following individuals were nominated by the Committee on Nominations as Directors to the **Class of 2029**:

Hon. Lucy Billings (Ret.)	Craig Kesch
David Cohn	Oleksandr (Alex) Kryvenko
Caren Decter	Hon. Elizabeth Stong
Albert Feuer	Randall Tesser
Hon. Debra James (Ret.)	Hon. Kathleen Waterman-Marshall

**Committee on Nominations:**

In accordance with Article 15, Section 1 of the Bylaws, the President has nominated the following individuals to serve as the **Class of 2029** on the **Committee on Nominations**:

Jai K. Chandrasekhar  
Vincent Chang  
Hon. Margaret J. Finerty (Ret.)  
Ronald C. Minkoff  
Carol Sigmond

**For Annual Meeting of Members of the**

**New York County Lawyers Association**

**To be held May 28, 2026**

Know all people by these presents: That the undersigned Member of New York County Lawyers Association hereby constitutes and appoints the President of the New York County Lawyers Association, or their designee, as the proxy of the undersigned, for and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned, to attend the Annual Meeting of Members of the New York County Lawyers Association, on May 28, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

This Proxy will expire by its own operation at the adjournment of the aforementioned Annual Meeting, unless said meeting is properly postponed.

Please mark boxes below.

1. The undersigned Member has read the proposed slate of nominees of Officers, Directors and members of the Nominating Committee, and the undersigned member hereby directs and authorizes its proxy to vote:

**FOR** all nominees listed in the proposed slate for the Annual Meeting (except as marked to the contrary below, if any)

**WITHHOLD AUTHORITY** to vote for all nominees listed below

Instruction: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, write that nominee's name(s) in the space provided below.

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2. The undersigned Member hereby directs and authorizes its proxy to vote in their discretion, on any other matters that may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Honorary and law student members may not vote)

## **Nominees for Officers:**

**Ronald C. Minkoff:** Mr. Minkoff has been a member of NYCLA since 2010, and currently serves as the Association's President-Elect. He has served on NYCLA's Board and Executive Committee, including as Treasurer. He is the Co-Chair of the Committee on Professionalism and Professional Discipline. He is a Partner at Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC.

**Henry M. Greenberg:** Mr. Greenberg has been a member of NYCLA since 2023, and currently serves as the Association's Vice President. He has served as a special appointee on NYCLA's Board of Directors. Mr. Greenberg is a Past President of the New York State Bar Association and is a Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, LLP.

**Hon. Rolando T. Acosta (Ret.):** Judge Acosta is a retired trial and appellate judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, having served on the Appellate Division, First Department for 15 years, including as Presiding Justice for six years. He is currently a Partner at Pillsbury.

**Asha Smith:** Ms. Smith has been a member of NYCLA since 2006, and currently serves as the Association's Treasurer and is Co-Chair of NYCLA's Criminal Justice Section and Member of the Justice Center Advisory Board. Ms. Smith is an Adjunct Professor at Farleigh Dickinson University and a dispute resolution professional. She is Of Counsel at Beldock Levine & Hoffman.

**Jai K. Chandrasekhar:** Mr. Chandrasekhar has been a member of NYCLA since 1991. He currently serves as NYCLA's Secretary. He serves on NYCLA's Board and Executive Committee. He is Senior Counsel at Johnson Van Kwawegen.

## **Nominees for Directors:**

**Hon. Lucy Billings (Ret.):** Judge Billings has been a NYCLA member since 1999. She is a retired New York State Supreme Court justice, who also served on both the New York City Criminal Court and the New York City Civil Court. She was most recently appointed as an immigration judge scheduled to begin hearing cases in November 2023.

**David Cohn:** Mr. Cohn has been a member of NYCLA since 2005. He has served on NYCLA's Board and Executive Committee, including serving as Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Cohn is Counsel to the Investigations Division at the Bronx District Attorney's Office and Adjunct Professor of Law at Fordham University School of Law.

**Caren Decter:** Ms. Decter has been a member of NYCLA since 2007. She is a Partner at the law firm of Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC.

**Albert Feuer:** Mr. Feuer is a tax, employee benefits, and trusts and estates attorney, who is a member of NYCLA's Rule of Law Task Force. He writes extensively about rule of law and constitutional issues.

**Hon. Debra James (Ret.):** Judge James has been a NYCLA member since 1993. She is a retired Supreme Court Justice in New York County, elected to that office in 2013. She began her judicial career as a New York City Civil Court judge in 1995.

**Craig S. Kesch:** Mr. Kesch has been a member of NYCLA since 2009. He currently serves as a Director of the NYCLA Foundation Board. He is the Principal of Kesch Law Group PLLC.

**Oleksandr Kryvenko:** Mr. Kryvenko has been a member of NYCLA since 2016. He is an Associate at Mestechkin Law Group P.C.

**Hon. Elizabeth Stong:** Judge Stong has been a NYCLA member since 2012. She is a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of New York, sitting in Brooklyn, where she has served since 2003. Judge Stong has also previously served as a NYCLA Board member.

**Randall Tesser:** Mr. Tesser has been a NYCLA member since 2014. He is a partner at Tesser, Ryan & Rochman. Mr. Tesser also serves as NYCLA's representative on the Part 137 Joint Committee for Fee Dispute and Conciliation.

**Hon. Kathleen Waterman-Marshall:** Justice Waterman Marshall is a sitting Justice in New York Supreme Court, New York County. She previously served as a judge on the New York City Civil Court, as well as an Acting Family Court Judge in Kings County.

#### **Nominees for the Nominations Committee:**

**Jai K. Chandrasekhar:** Mr. Chandrasekhar has been a member of NYCLA since 1991. He currently serves as NYCLA's Secretary. He serves on NYCLA's Board and Executive Committee. He is Senior Counsel at Johnson Van Kwawegen.

**Vincent Chang:** Mr. Chang has been a member of NYCLA since 2007, and is one of the Association's past Presidents. He also previously served as the Association's Treasurer, as well as on several Association Committees. He is the Commercial Division Law Clerk to Justice James D'Auguste of the New York State Supreme Court.

**Hon. Margaret J. Finerty (Ret.):** Judge Finerty has been a member of NYCLA since 1979. She served as Co-Chair of the Task Force on Judicial Selection and Task Force on Administrative Law Reform and currently serves on the Board of Directors. She is retired from the bench and is a Partner at Getnick & Getnick LLP.

**Ronald C. Minkoff:** Mr. Minkoff has been a member of NYCLA since 2010, and currently serves as the Association's President-Elect. He has served on NYCLA's Board and Executive Committee, including as Treasurer. He is the Co-Chair of the Committee on Professionalism and Professional Discipline. He is a Partner at Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, PC.

**Carol Sigmond:** Ms. Sigmond is a partner at Nossaman LLP, and is a past President of the Association. She has been a member of NYCLA since 2005.