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**Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection**

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### **Update to Board of Trustees Leadership**

(Albany, NY - 04/26) The Lawyers' Fund is administered by a seven-member Board of Trustees appointed by the Court of Appeals, New York's highest court. The Board of Trustees has conducted an election of officers.

Effective March 27, 2026, the Board elected the following:

Chairman: Patricia L. Gatling. Ms. Gatling served as Acting Chairman beginning in January 2026 and was elected Chairman on March 27, 2026. Ms. Gatling, of Manhattan, is an attorney with the law firm Windels Marx Lane & Mittendorf, LLP. She previously served as Vice-Chairman of the Board. She also served for 13 years as Commissioner and Chair of the New York City Commission on Human Rights. She is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland School of Law (1982). Her current term expires on November 19, 2026.

Vice-Chairman: Stuart M. Cohen. Mr. Cohen, of Albany, retired from private practice after a distinguished career during which, among other positions, he served 14 years as Clerk of the Court of Appeals. He is a graduate of Connecticut College and New York University School of Law (1979). His present term expires on November 30, 2028.

The Board extends its appreciation to Eric A. Seiff, of the Bronx, a charter member and former Chairman of the Board (through December 2025), for his distinguished service as Chairman and his continued service as a member of the Board.

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