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City Bar Fund Elects New Chair and Board Members

New York, July 31, 2023 – The City Bar Fund, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit arm of the New York City Bar Association, has elected **Shaila Diwan**, King & Spalding LLP, to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors. Shaila has served on the City Bar Fund Board since 2019.

“It is a great honor to be entrusted with oversight of the City Bar Fund, which does so much for so many in New York City and beyond,” said Diwan. “The four programs in the Fund provide much-needed pro bono help to the public, safeguard justice around the world, and fortify the well-being and diversity of the legal profession.”

The following members were appointed to the City Bar Fund Board: **Rachel Beardsley**, Partner, Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy LLP; **Jeffrey L. Braun**, Counsel, Kramer, Levin, Naftalis & Frankel LLP; **Anne L. Clark**, Managing Partner, Vladeck, Raskin & Clark, P.C.; **Lisette A. Duran**, Counsel, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP; **Jay Holtmeier**, Partner, Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP; **Julie Lauck**, Executive Director and Head of Litigation and Employment, Mizuho Americas.

Susan J. Kohlmann, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP, and President, New York City Bar Association, serves ex-officio as President of the City Bar Fund.

Bret Parker, Executive Director, New York City Bar Association, and **Kurt Denk**, Executive Director, City Bar Justice Center, will serve as Vice Presidents of the City Bar Fund.

The City Bar Fund engages New York City lawyers across four programs – the **City Bar Justice Center**, the **Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice**, the **Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging**, and the **Lawyer Assistance Program** – to advance social justice and well-being for the public and within the legal profession.

View the full board [here](#).

About the City Bar Fund

*The City Bar Fund, the 501(c)(3) arm of the New York City Bar Association, is comprised of four programs. The **City Bar Justice Center** provides access to justice for New Yorkers with limited economic resources by leveraging the pro bono expertise and time of the New York City legal community. The **Cyrus R. Vance Center for International Justice** provides pro bono legal support to human rights and environmental organizations in Latin America, Africa, and elsewhere in the world. The **Office for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging** works with New York City legal employers to foster more diverse and inclusive work environments. The **Lawyer Assistance Program** is a free, confidential service, available to attorneys, judges, law students and their family members in New York City who are struggling with substance use or mental health issues.*