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Her professional experiences include serving as the inaugural Chief Diversity Officer at New York Law School, the Associate Director of Career Services and member of the Diversity Council at Seton Hall University School of Law, and as the Executive Director of Practicing Attorneys for Law Students Program, Inc. (PALS), a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing diversity in the legal profession and providing mentoring, academic support, and networking opportunities to law students and junior attorneys of color. Prior to leading PALS, Paula practiced in the Law Enforcement Division of the New York City Commission on Human Rights.

For more than a decade, Paula has demonstrated leadership in the areas of diversity and inclusion, issues related to students of color and the legal diversity pipeline. Currently active with a number of organizations and social justice initiatives, she serves as the President of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, the immediate past Chair of the New York City Bar Association's Diversity Pipeline Initiatives Committee and was a 2015 Council of Urban Professionals (CUP) Fellow. Paula is also a member of the Young Patrons Board of the Apollo Theater, a Trustee of the Ellis L. Phillips Foundation and she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Deerfield Academy Alumni Association.

Paula received her B.A. in Anthropology from the California State University (Fullerton) and her J.D. from the City University of New York School of Law. She has also been recognized by The Network Journal Magazine as a "40 Under Forty" Achievement Awardee, and as a Ms. JD "Woman of Inspiration" Connect with Paula on her website www.paulaedgar.com, on LinkedIn, Via Twitter (@PaulaEdgar) and on Facebook (Paula Edgar Fan Page).

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Paul G. Feinman, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, was born in 1960 in Hempstead, New York, the third of five children. He was raised in Merrick, where he attended public schools. Judge Feinman graduated from Columbia College, Columbia University (A.B. 1981) and the University of Minnesota Law School (J.D. 1985), attending both on scholarship. He also studied at the Université de Paris VII (Jussieu), the Université de Paris II (Assas) and the Université de Lyon III.

He began his legal career as a Staff Attorney for the Appeals Bureau of the Legal Aid Society of Nassau County and then worked for the Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division in Manhattan. From 1989 to 1996, he clerked for Justice Angela M. Mazzarelli in Supreme Court, Criminal and Civil Branches, and in the Appellate Division, First Department.

In November 1996, Judge Feinman was elected to the Civil Court of the City of New York; he was re-elected in 2006. From 1997 - 2001, he was assigned to the Criminal Court. He was designated an Acting Supreme Court Justice in Manhattan in 2004 and elected a Justice of the Supreme Court in 2007. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo appointed him to the Appellate Division, First Department in October 2012.

Governor Cuomo nominated Judge Feinman to the Court of Appeals on June 16, 2017. The State Senate unanimously confirmed his nomination on June 21, 2017.

He previously served as President of the Association of Supreme Court Justices of the State of New York, Inc. (2013), President of the International Association of LGBT Judges (2008 - 2011), Presiding Member of the Judicial Section of the New York State Bar Association (2012 -2013), and President of LeGaL, the LGBT Bar of Greater New York (1996).

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Jill Pilgrim is the founding and managing attorney of Pilgrim & Associates Law Offices. She has a reputation as a well respected business and sports lawyer. Pilgrim's legal career began as a tax and corporate associate at New York City law firms, including Willkie Farr & Gallagher, and Cowan Liebowitz & Latman. Thereafter, she established her own New York City-based private law practice, in which she serviced clients in nonprofit, sports and entertainment industries and handled real estate, estates, guardianship and corporate legal matters.

Pilgrim temporarily closed her law practice and spent eight-and-a-half years as general counsel and director of business affairs for USA Track & Field [USATF], the national governing body for the Olympic sport track and field/athletics. While at USATF, she was responsible for overseeing in-house legal and business affairs departments. She advised the organization's senior management and served as staff liaison to a variety of United States Olympic Committee and national governing body committees, including the Anti-Doping Task Force, Age Verification Task Force, Diversity and Leadership and Committee on Sports for Disabled.

Pilgrim was recruited away from USATF in 2007 to serve as general counsel of the Ladies Professional Golf Association [LPGA]. In this capacity, Pilgrim rendered legal advice and handled matters ranging from corporate governance, dispute resolution, protecting intellectual property rights, and member eligibility. She utilized her many years of Olympic sport drug testing expertise to spearhead the LPGA's design and launch of professional golf's first player drug-testing program in 2008. She left the LPGA and reestablished her law practice at the fourth quarter of 2009.

Pilgrim's dispute resolution experience and skills are extensive. She serves as a neutral for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority [FINRA], and previously served as an arbitrator (and chairperson) for the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (1992-2006). Pilgrim was appointed arbitrator on the USATF Doping Hearing Board and Doping Appeals Board for athlete drug cases from 1991-1998, and previously served an appointment to the United States Olympic Committee Out-of-Competition Drug Hearing Board (1991). Pilgrim also has experience representing organizational and individual clients in mediation and arbitration. She successfully represented an Olympic athlete



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Pilgrim has been a long-serving member of American Bar Association, Sports Lawyers Association, Women in Sports and Events, the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Black Women Lawyers' Association. She also has a long history of serving and holding leadership roles on numerous law boards and committees, including: Advisory Board member, National Sports Law Institute of Marquette University Law School (2006-present); Board member (1999-2005), Sports Lawyers Association (2002 and 2003 Conference Chair; 2003-2005 Membership and Public Relations Committee Chair); Indianapolis Bar Association Entertainment & Sports Section Executive Committee (Chair 2001); and founder and president, The Center for the Protection of Athletes' Rights, Inc. (1994-present).

Pilgrim received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics from Princeton University, where she also was a nationally ranked sprinter for the Princeton Track and Field Team. After graduation, she studied at the Alliance Française and the Sorbonne in France prior to graduating with a J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. She is admitted to practice law in the states of New York and Indiana, and before District Court, Eastern District of New York.

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