

**SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF THOMAS A. REED
CHAIR OF NYSBA CORPORATE COUNSEL SECTION FOR 2014**

Mr. Reed was elected Chairperson of the 1700-plus attorney Corporate Counsel Section of the New York State Bar Association (NYSBA) at the Section's Annual Meeting held in New York City on January 29, 2014. He has been a member of the Section for over 30 years and previously served as its Chairperson in 2002. A long time member of its Executive Committee, he has at various times also served as the Section's Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Delegate to the NYSBA House of Delegates, Editor of its newsletter, *INSIDE*, and on several Committees, including as Chair and Co-Chair of its Membership Committee.

The Corporate Counsel Section is one of 25 Sections of the NYSBA and was established in 1981 to provide a forum within the Association primarily for NYSBA members who serve as in-house counsel for companies and other organizations. The Section has since revised its By-Laws to allow outside counsel with a business-oriented practice to become members as well.

Following graduation from the University of Pennsylvania Law School where he earned his J.D. and served as an Editor of the Law Review, Tom began his legal career as a trusts and estates attorney with the Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison law firm in New York City. He then branched out into other legal areas including antitrust, federal regulation, and contracts, as in-house counsel for a number of major corporations in telecommunications and other industries, including AT&T's former manufacturing subsidiary Western Electric Co., NYNEX Corporation (now Verizon Communications), BT North America, and Pitney Bowes.

In conjunction with his legal career, Tom has actively pursued voluntary activities in addition to his service to the New York State Bar Association. He has served as an alumni Trustee of two educational institutions he attended, the Indian Mountain School in Lakeville, CT, and the Kinhaven Music School in Weston, VT, and has twice served on the Board of Directors of his co-op apartment residence. For the past seven years he has served as a volunteer for Central Park PAWS, the dog-owner outreach program of the Central Park Conservancy.

While still a student at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Tom authored an essay on a topic in copyright law that was not only published as a Note in the Law Review, but also won the National First Prize in the prestigious Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition sponsored by ASCAP.

Before law school, Tom graduated from Haverford College where he majored in French and earned his B.A. with Departmental Honors. A native New Yorker, he and his family currently reside on Manhattan's Upper East Side.