

**NYSBA's Committee for Bar Leaders
of New York State,
The Network of Bar Leaders and
Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann
of the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals
invite you to a program and reception
for bar association leaders, their members
and members of the judiciary**

**Thursday, December 1, 2016
4:30 – 8:00 P.M.**

*Program
Presentation*

**Pro Bono Opportunities
in the Federal Courts**

4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Courthouse Tours

5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Reception

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



Pro Bono Opportunities in the Federal Courts

Thurgood Marshall Courthouse
40 Foley Square
Room 501
New York, NY

4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

The Second Circuit Pro Bono Panel

Moderator

Sally Pritchard

Director of the Office of Legal Affairs, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Panelists

Vilia Hayes

Partner

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP

Karen King

Counsel

Paul, Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton and Garrison, LLP

Rajeev Muttreja

Associate Jones

Day

Closing Presentation

Kristen Wagner, Director of Pro Bono Services, New York State Bar Association

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Program Panelists

Vilia B. Hayes
Partner

Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP

Vilia B. Hayes is a litigation partner at Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP, where she concentrates on product liability, insurance, bankruptcy, employment and commercial litigation. She has represented major companies in litigation throughout the United States in federal and state courts, involving employment discrimination and wage and hour claims, insurance coverage disputes, product liability claims including pharmaceutical products, welding rods and asbestos, and financial and bankruptcy matters. A significant part of her practice involves counseling/and negotiations on employment law and insurance law. She is also Co-Chair of the Pro Bono Committee and supervises numerous pro bono matters in federal and state court.

Karen King
Counsel

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP

As counsel in the Litigation Department, Karen King has extensive experience handling a wide range of complex commercial matters, with particular emphasis on private securities litigation and arbitration, regulatory investigation and enforcement proceedings, internal investigations, shareholder derivative lawsuits, ERISA matters and contract disputes. Ms. King also has experience in employment, antitrust, bankruptcy and copyright matters.

Ms. King's major client representations have included Citigroup, BB&T Corporation, Agricultural Bank of China, William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, Time Warner, Merck, Pfizer, Bristol-Myers Squibb, and Mitsubishi.

Ms. King also maintains an active pro bono practice. She won two jury trials in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York as the lead attorney representing Asian-American police officers in employment discrimination and retaliation lawsuits against the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. She is the recipient of awards from the Society of Asian Federal Officers and the National Asian Peace Officers' Association for her work on those matters. Ms. King serves on the Second Circuit Pro Bono Panel, through which she has argued several appeals involving issues of constitutional law, contract, and tort. She is also a volunteer arbitrator for New York small claims court, and is involved in several ongoing pro bono matters in collaboration with the Legal Aid Society, New York Legal Assistance Group, the ACLU, and Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts.

Rajeev Muttreja
Associate
Jones Day

Rajeev Muttreja focuses primarily on appellate litigation and motions practice in state and federal courts. He has argued before the U.S. Courts of Appeals for the Third, Sixth, Seventh, and Ninth Circuits and has drafted briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court, many other appellate courts, and trial courts across the country. In addition, Rajeev has served as lead defense counsel in more than two dozen cases arising under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. His experience spans many areas of law, including intellectual property, administrative law, federal jurisdiction, antitrust, class actions, securities, and health care law.

Rajeev has extensive experience with the False Claims Act, particularly within the health care industry. He has played a significant role in the defense of cases claiming False Claims Act liability for Anti-Kickback Statute violations, off-label pharmaceutical marketing, Medicare and Medicaid overbilling, and other alleged statutory or regulatory violations. Recently, Rajeev served on a team that won motions to dismiss in three such cases, in federal courts in New York, Virginia, and Georgia.

Rajeev helped draft the successful petition for certiorari and winning merits briefs in *Goodyear Dunlop Tires Operations v. Brown*, 131 S. Ct. 2846 (2011), which clarified the law of personal jurisdiction. He also argued

and won *Evans v. Zych*, 644 F.3d 447 (6th Cir. 2011), a habeas corpus case presenting a question of first impression on which other circuits had split.

Rajeev maintains an active pro bono practice and is a member of the pro bono panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Sally Pritchard
Director of the Office of Legal Affairs
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Sally Pritchard is the Director of Legal Affairs for the Second Circuit. In that capacity, she manages the Staff Attorney's Office, which has 30 attorneys who work for all 22 of the court's judges, and also oversees the court's mediation program. She began her career as a law clerk to Judge Barbara S. Jones of the Southern District of New York. After practicing in the litigation department of Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, she clerked for Second Circuit Judge Dennis Jacobs. She was then a prosecutor in the Major Economic Crimes Bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office before returning to the Second Circuit in her current role. She has a B.A. degree from Yale University and J.D. degree from Columbia Law School.

Kristen A. Wagner
Director of Pro Bono Services
The New York State Bar Association

Kristen is the Director of Pro Bono Services at the New York State Bar Association. Kristen is a graduate of Smith College and Pace University School of Law (now the Elisabeth Haub School of Law). In her role as Director of Pro Bono Services, Kristen provides guidance to bar associations, law firms, law schools, and other entities in doing pro bono work. The Department also provides assistance and educational training programs for attorneys employed by legal services organizations and oversees a number of attorney recognition programs that promote, recognize, and honor pro bono service by individual attorneys and law firms.

The Department works with many of the Association's sections and committees to encourage their voluntary participation in pro bono projects. Kristen serves as the Association liaison to the President's Committee on Access to Justice, Committee on Legal Aid, Committee to Ensure Quality of Mandated Representation, and Committee on Veterans to develop and implement the Association's policies and proposals on access to justice issues.

Reception Speakers

Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann
United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Robert A. Katzmann is the Chief Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He became Chief Judge on September 1, 2013. At his appointment in 1999, he was Walsh Professor of Government, Professor of Law and Professor of Public Policy at Georgetown University; a Fellow of the Governmental Studies Program of the Brookings Institution; and president of the Governance Institute.

A lawyer and political scientist by training, Judge Katzmann received his A.B. (summa cum laude) from Columbia College, A.M. and Ph.D. in government from Harvard University, and a J.D. from the Yale Law School, where he was an Article and Book Review Editor of the Yale Law Journal. After clerking on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, he joined the Brookings Institution, where he was a research associate, senior fellow, visiting fellow, and acting program director. His books include: *Judging Statutes; Regulatory Bureaucracy: The Federal Trade Commission and Antitrust Policy; Institutional Disability; Courts and Congress; editor and project director of The Law Firm and the Public Good; co-editor of Managing Appeals in Federal Court; editor and contributing author of Daniel Patrick Moynihan: The Intellectual in Public Life; and editor and contributing author of Judges and Legislators.*

He chaired the U.S. Judicial Conference Committee on the Judicial Branch, and serves as a member of the U.S. Judicial Conference. He also is a commissioner on the Supreme Court Fellows Commission.

Judge Katzmann received the American Political Science Association's Charles E. Merriam Award. He is also the recipient of: the Learned Hand Medal for Excellence in Federal Jurisprudence of the Federal Bar Council; the Chesterfield Smith Award of the Pro Bono Institute; the Stanley H. Fuld Award of the New York State Bar Association; the Michael Maggio Memorial Pro Bono Award of the American Immigration Lawyers Association; the Public Interest Scholarship Organization Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Green Bag's "Exemplary Legal Writing" honoree recognition. His lectures include: the James Madison Lecture of New York University School of Law; the Orison Marden Lecture of the NYC Bar Association; and the Robert L. Levine Distinguished Lecture of Fordham University School of Law. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Claire P. Gutekunst
President
New York State Bar Association

Claire P. Gutekunst took office June 1 as president of the 74,000-member New York State Bar Association.

Gutekunst is an independent arbitrator and mediator. She established her practice in 2012, and helps companies, other organizations and individuals resolve their disputes.

In 2012, Gutekunst was appointed as special master for the New York City Asbestos Litigation, where she served a 15-month term. Prior to that, she was a partner in the Litigation Department at Proskauer Rose LLP in New York City. During her nearly 30 years at Proskauer, she handled complex commercial disputes in the courts and in mediations and arbitrations.

Active in the State Bar for 29 years, Gutekunst served as treasurer from 2011–2013 and is currently a member of the Commercial and Federal Litigation Section's Executive Committee, the Legislative Policy Committee and the Membership Committee. She previously served on the Executive Committee as vice president for the First Judicial District and as a member-at-large. Gutekunst chaired the Membership Committee, Committee on Women in the Law and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee. She was vice chair of the Dispute Resolution Section and co-chaired the President's Committee on Access to Justice. She also was a longtime member of the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.

Gutekunst is a Maryann Saccomando Freedman Fellow of The New York Bar Foundation. She serves on the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. Gutekunst is a member of the Advisory Council, the National Task Force on Diversity in ADR and the Arbitration Committee of the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. From 2004 to 2015, she chaired the Advisory Council of the YWCA- NYC's Academy of Women Leaders. Between 1997 and 2005, Gutekunst served on the Governor's Temporary Judicial Screening Committee, the New York State Judicial Screening Committee and the First Department Judicial Screening Committee.

A resident of Yonkers, Gutekunst received her undergraduate and master's degrees from Brown University and her law degree from Yale Law School.

Deborah Martin Owens
Staff Attorney
Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP

Deborah Martin Owens is a staff attorney in the New York office of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP. Her experience is with regulatory investigations and complex litigation matters. Outside of her work, Deborah maintains leadership roles in bar associations and nonprofit organizations that align with her commitment to diversity and advancement of underserved populations. She is the Chair of the Committee of Bar Leaders of New York for the New York State Bar Association ("NYSBA") and Co-Chair for the Legislative Affairs Subcommittee of Women in the Law. Deborah currently serves on NYSBA's President Claire Gutekunst's Joint Pro Bono Task Force which is charged with identifying unmet and underserved pro bono needs of New Yorkers and recommending specific actions. Deborah recently served on the House Delegates of NYSBA. She is a member of several bar associations.

She is a board member of Friends of the Island Academy, a Harlem-based organization devoted to supporting at-risk youth incarcerated on Rikers Island. In 2014, Deborah co-created Girls Group, a mentorship program partnering professional women with at risk girls recently incarcerated at Rikers Island. She was recently elected as a board member of Women's City Club of New York and serves on its Public Policy Committee

Deborah is a graduate of the State University of New York at Albany and Hofstra University School of Law. While in law school, Deborah interned for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor when she sat on the Second Circuit of the United States Court of Appeals.

Diana Sen
Regional Director, OFCCP Northeast Region
U.S. Department of Labor

In December 2012, Diana Sen became the Regional Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) Northeast Region. In this capacity she leads the agency's enforcement and outreach efforts in the Northeast, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. She is based in New York City.

Diana is an experienced and highly skilled civil rights lawyer who has spent her career advocating for the most vulnerable populations in our country. She comes to OFCCP with significant experience in government, non-profit and private sector work.

For the past four years, Diana served as Senior Counsel at LatinoJustice PRLDEF (formerly the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund) where she litigated major civil rights cases in the southeastern United States. Her work in this area included defending language-minorities in Florida from being disenfranchised and challenging state legislation in Alabama and South Carolina that contravened federal immigration law.

Prior to joining LatinoJustice, Diana worked as an attorney at the international law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP in New York City for six years, specializing in general commercial and white collar litigation. The firm sponsored Diana for a two-year fellowship with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund where she helped establish the organization's Atlanta office.

Outside of her professional roles, Diana is active in several organizations, including the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA), where she was elected to serve as National President from 2010-2011. She also served on the board of Legal Services NYC, the nation's largest legal aid program, and was the Chair of the Civil Rights Committee of the New York State Bar Association from 2012 to 2016. The American Bar Association recognized Diana's non-profit work at HNBA and LatinoJustice with the ABA "Outstanding In-House Counsel Award" in 2011. Diana is also an adjunct professor at Brooklyn Law School.

Diana received her J.D. from Emory Law School and her BA and MA in Political Science/International Relations from the University of Florida. While in law school, she was a legal intern at the Atlanta Legal Aid Society's Hispanic Outreach Project, the U.S. Department of Justice, CARE and the Carter Center.

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The Committee for Bar Leaders of New York State

About the Committee of Bar Leaders of New York State: The Committee of Bar Leaders of New York State is first and foremost an organization for bar leaders dedicated to providing a forum for the exchange of information and ideas. The Conference works to advance the objectives of the organized bar, encourages communication and collaboration among bar associations, promotes leadership development for present and future bar leaders, hosts workshops and programs that provide educational opportunities and foster networking.

Committee Roster

Deborah Martin Owens, Committee Chair – The New York State Bar Association (NYSBA)

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