

# New officers ready to serve Conference of Bar Leaders



A new chair and vice-chair and members of the Executive Council of the New York State Conference of Bar Leaders (NYSCBL) took office on July 1.

Vice-chair

Karla Wilsey of Rochester

(Abrams Fensterman Law Firm) succeeded Earamichia Brown of New York City (New York State Office of the State Inspector General) as chair for a two-year term. Diane M. Herrmann, a solo practitioner from Schenectady, began a one-year renewable term as vice-chair. Both have served on NYSCBL's Executive Council for five years.

They bring with them leadership experience from their previous work



Herrmann

Committee of the Board of Trustees. Herrmann has served as executive director of the Schenectady County Bar Association.

"Earamichia is a tough act to follow. I look forward to continuing her initiatives and finding new ways to enhance our collaboration with bar associations across the state," said Wilsey. "Our organizations are more healthy and strong when leaders know they can rely on their counterparts for informa-

with local bar associations. Wilsey was treasurer of the Monroe County Bar Association, chair of its House Finance and Audit Committee and a member of its Executive

tion and advice. I am excited to chair this dedicated group of bar leaders, bringing together a treasure trove of knowledge, experience and creativity from our diverse bar associations throughout the state."

During Brown's tenure, NYSCBL instituted regularly scheduled conference calls for bar leaders and directors and increased the frequency of the Directory of Bar Associations in New York State from two to four times a year.

"We have such a talented and hard-working pool of bar association leaders," said Brown. "It's important to keep the lines of communication open and to let everyone know of our role as a resource."

## New council members

There also are changes to the Executive Council. Deborah L. Martin of Briarwood (Quinn Emanuel

Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP), who serves on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Black Bar Association, will be NYSCBL's First Department representative. Abayomi Ajaiyeoba of Brooklyn (Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings/New York City Environmental Control Board), president of the Nigerian Lawyers Association, will represent the Second Department.

State Bar President-Elect David M. Schraver of Rochester (Nixon Peabody LLP) also sits on the council for a one-year term. He succeeds Seymour W. James, Jr., who recently began his term as State Bar president. A complete list of Executive Council members is available at [www.nyscbl.org](http://www.nyscbl.org).

NYSCBL will hold its first live streaming webcast during the annual fall workshop in Albany on October 18. ♦