

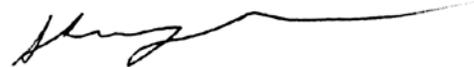
**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
JUNE 1, 2018**

Members Participating: Mark A. Berman, Earamichia Brown, Matthew R. Coseo, Margaret J. Finerty, Sharon Stern Gerstman, Sarah E. Gold, Taa R. Grays, Henry M. Greenberg, Erica M. Hines, Drew Jaglom, Scott M. Karson, Peter H. Levy, Michael Miller, Aimee L. Richter, William T. Russell, Jr., Robert I. Schofield, IV, Rona G. Shamoan, Carol A. Sigmond, Tucker C. Stanclift, David H. Tennant, Jean Marie Westlake.

Mr. Miller presided as President of the Association.

1. Establishment of task forces. Mr. Miller outlined a proposal for the establishment of the following task forces to pursue a series of initiatives: Task Force on Evaluation of Candidates for Election to Judicial Office; Task Force on Wrongful Convictions II; Task Force on Incarceration Release Planning and Programs; Task Force on Mass Shootings and Assault Weapons; and Task Force on the Role of Paralegals. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the appointment of the foregoing groups and their proposed mission statements.
2. Staff Update. Executive Director Pamela McDevitt reported that Victoria Shaw had been selected as Director of Attorney Recruitment and Engagement.
3. Amicus Curiae brief in *Frank v. Gaos*. Mr. Miller outlined the background of this brief, noting that in January 2017 the Executive Committee had approved submission of a brief in a similar Eighth Circuit case on the use of cy pres awards in class action cases. Ms. Gerstman reported that The New York Bar Foundation planned to submit a brief in *Frank v. Gaos*, given the importance of cy pre to The Foundation's work. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve joining The Foundation in submission of a brief. Mr. Miller will appoint a subcommittee to review the brief. Mr. Tennant recused himself from participating in the discussion and vote.
4. New Business. Mr. Miller advised that he would like to appoint two working groups, one to review issues related to providing assistance to Puerto Rico in the aftermath of the 2017 hurricanes and one to serve as a rapid response advisory group. After discussion, a motion was adopted to approve the creation of the working groups.
5. Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Executive Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Levin Wallach
Secretary