

Staff Memorandum

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Agenda Item # 28

<u>REQUESTED ACTION</u>: Approval of the recommendation by the Executive Committee Subcommittee on Association Publications regarding the reappointment of four members of the Board of Editors of the *Journal* and the appointment of one new member to the Board of Editors.

Under the Bylaws of the Association, the Executive Committee is granted authority over the appointment of the Board of Editors of the New York State Bar Association *Journal*. To regularize this process, the Executive Committee in November 1996 established staggered terms for the nine (now, ten) members of the *Journal* Board of Editors. Editors are appointed for a three-year term and are eligible to serve up to three consecutive terms. Terms end on May 31, and each year several members of the Board are subject to reappointment or rotation.

To evaluate candidates to fill vacancies or sitting Board members for reappointment, the Executive Committee designates a subcommittee each year. The subcommittee for the past year consisted of Kathryn Grant Madigan (Chair), Hermes Fernandez, Sharon Stern Gerstman, John S. Marwell, Eileen Millett and Timothy Fennell.

This year, the four Board members whose terms expire, but are eligible for reappointment, are Jonathan Lippman, Gary Munneke, Thomas Myers and Gary Spivey. Editor-in-Chief David Wilkes advised the subcommittee that all four members served ably and recommends their reappointment. The subcommittee concurs and recommends that Jonathan Lippman, Gary Munneke, Thomas Myers, and Gary Spivey be reappointed.

After a careful review of eligible candidates, the subcommittee recommends that Hon. Barry Kamins be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Mary Grace Conneely's expired term. Information regarding Hon. Barry Kamins is attached for your reference.

The report will be presented on June 22 by past president Kathryn Grant Madigan.