

# Greetings from Lawyersville, by Barry Skidelsky, EASL Chair



Greetings from Lawyersville (yes, that's a real place in New York State), and welcome to this special edition of the *EASL Journal* celebrating the 30th anniversary of the 1988 founding of the New York State Bar Association's Entertainment, Arts and Sports Law Section.

## EASL Section Chairs

01.	1988-1990	Marc Jacobson (Founding Chair)
02.	1990-1991	Eric Roper
03.	1991-1992	Howard Siegel
04.	1992-1994	Philip Cowan
05.	1994-1996	John Kettle III
06.	1996-1998	Samuel Pinkus
07.	1998-2000	Timothy DeBaets
08.	2000-2002	Judith Bresler
09.	2002-2004	Jeffrey Rosenthal
10.	2004-2006	Elissa D. Hecker
11.	2006-2008	Alan Barson
12.	2008-2010	Kenneth Swezey
13.	2012-2012	Judith Prowda
14.	2012-2014	Rosemarie Tully
15.	2014-2016	Stephen Rodner
16.	2016-2018	Diane Krausz
17.	2018-2020	Barry Skidelsky (Current Chair)

A special shout out goes to one such former chair, Elissa D. Hecker, who among the many hats she wears is that as editor of the *EASL Journal* and Blog. For this special 30th anniversary issue of the *Journal*, Elissa has compiled an outstanding collection of articles that look back over the last three decades, cover today's hot topics, and look ahead to what the reasonably foreseeable future holds in store for the various areas in which EASL members practice.

Another shout-out goes to our new Section liaison at NYSBA, Kristina Maldonado, who joined our merry band in August 2018. She too stands on the shoulders of former Section liaisons, who also deserve their own shout-outs: the relatively short tenured Sydney Joy (who, after only four months as EASL's liaison, resigned to become Facilities Manager at the Cornell Cooperative), and Beth Gould (who, after serving as EASL's liaison from December 2011 through April 2018, resigned to become Director of Membership at the Girl Scouts).

Sydney and Beth are missed, but Kristina hit the ground running inter alia helping to organize EASL's 2018 Fall Meeting, which took place on October 18 at the NYC offices of Arent Fox. Co-sponsored with NYSBA's Food, Drug & Cosmetic Law Section (Brian Malkin, Chair), that program consisted of two very interesting CLE panels and a superbly catered networking reception.

The Fall Meeting's first panel focused on the intersection of sports and drugs (e.g., doping, steroids and supplements), while the second panel addressed the legal fallout of the "Me Too" movement in the entertainment law realm and beyond (e.g., inclusion riders, morals clauses, sexual harassment, and an overview of several new New York State laws affecting employers of every size effective October 2018).



1988-2018

It has truly been an honor and a privilege for me to serve as the 17th EASL Chair in 2018, and I look forward to continuing in that role through 2019. Although it may sound like a cliché, I really do stand on the shoulders of EASL's 16 former chairs—many of whom are still actively involved, and to whom we all owe much gratitude and thanks.

Below are three photos taken at EASL's Fall Meeting. The first photo is a wide shot showing not only some of the program attendees, but also (in the foreground) the EASL 30th anniversary mug given out as a gift—which, while supplies last, will continue to be given to members at our next few events. The other two photos are of the two Fall Meeting panels, with further details and more available at [nysba.org/EASL](http://nysba.org/EASL).



Brian Malkin, Adolpho Birch, Cameron Myler, Jay Manfre, and Rick Collins



Eriq Gardner, Jennifer O'Sullivan, Kalpana Kotagal, Ben Brafman, Kristin Klein Wheaton, and Greg Chiarello

By the time this issue of the *EASL Journal* is published, EASL will have already held its annual Music Business and Law Conference at New York Law School on November 16, and, plans will have been firmed up for EASL's 2019 Annual Meeting, to be held at the New York Hilton on January 15, 2019 (please note the earlier-than-usual date).

2019 Annual Meeting plans include CLE panels on underlying rights and adaptations in multiple media, as well as a panel on ethics for EASL practitioners, and another post-program joint networking reception with NYSBA's Intellectual Property Law Section (Robin Silberman, Chair)—which we first did at last year's Annual Meeting.

EASL remains eager to cross-pollinate not only with other NYSBA Sections, but also with other bar associations, law schools, law firms and additional organizations—all in order to create and add value for our EASL family and friends. If you have any CLE program ideas or other suggestions on how we might collaborate to help advance our mutual professional and personal interests, please feel free to contact me directly. I mean it! Call me!

Let's lift each other up! Whether you might like to be a speaker, write an article for our *Journal* or Blog, get involved with one of our many committees or pro bono clinics, there are many opportunities for you that are just a phone call or email away. Importantly, while we appreciate your being an EASL member, we much prefer your active engagement and collaboration to help make 2019 a better year for all of us—young and old alike.

Which brings me to one final note, a sad one, to mention the passing of a long-time EASL collaborator Alan Hartnick. A member of EASL's Executive Committee for several years, Alan had a distinguished career as a copyright lawyer (including service as President of the Copyright Society of the USA), and he loved teaching new generations of lawyers. He passed away on August 18, 2018 (at the age of 88), while listening to classical music with a pile of books by his side.

With that, I wish you and yours good health and happiness in the coming year; and, I look forward to hearing from you or seeing you soon.

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**Best,  
Barry Skidelsky**