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## **NYIAC TURNS NINE: NEW LEADERSHIP & THE FUTURE**

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On January 26, 2022, the [New York International Arbitration Center \(NYIAC\)](#) held its Annual Board Meeting to elect new leaders and to review the past two years of successfully navigating the pandemic. The NYIAC Board of Directors re-elected **Louis B. Kimmelman** as Chair and **Gaëlle E. Tribié** as Secretary with new Officers **Jeffrey A. Rosenthal** of Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton as First Vice-Chair, **Frances E. Bivens** of Davis Polk & Wardwell as Second Vice-Chair, and **Carla Chavich** of Compass Lexecon as Treasurer. In planning for his second year as Chair, Kimmelman observes, “I am looking forward to working with our officers and Executive Committee as we move NYIAC forward in promoting New York law and New York as a seat and place of arbitration. We have an exciting year ahead of us.”

NYIAC begins the new year with some new leadership. **Tracy R. High** of Sullivan & Cromwell and **Caline Mouawad** of Chaffetz Lindsey join the Executive Committee. New directors on the Board include **Andrew J. Finn** of Sullivan & Cromwell, **Tawfiq S. Rangwala** of Milbank, **William H. Taft, V** of Debevoise & Plimpton, and **Peter W. Tomlinson** of Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler. **Edward G. Kehoe** of King & Spalding will chair the Finance Committee, **Damien Nyer** of White & Case will co-chair the Contracts Committee with High, **Peter J.W. Sherwin** of Proskauer Rose will chair the Nominating Committee, **Jennifer Permesly** of Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom will continue to chair the Global Advisory Board, **David Zaslowsky** of Baker McKenzie will continue to chair the Governance Committee, and **Miriam K. Harwood** of Squire Patton Boggs and **John V.H. Pierce** of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr will continue to co-chair the Board Relations Committee.

**James Hosking** of Chaffetz Lindsey will co-chair the busy Program Committee with Marinelli, which includes planning NYIAC’s Annual Grand Central Forum. They are joined by **Natalie Reid** of Debevoise & Plimpton, who will co-chair [New York Arbitration Week 2022](#) (November 14-18) together with **Daniel Schimmel** of Foley Hoag. This will be the fourth year in which NYIAC and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) New York Branch take the lead in organizing New York Arbitration Week. Programming at NYIAC in the year ahead will continue to focus on promoting New York law, New York as a seat for international arbitration, and New York as the place in the Americas for resolving international disputes, in addition to spotlighting key trends and thought leadership. Hosking, a long-serving member of NYIAC’s Program Committee, notes, “Marisa and I are thrilled to help shepherd NYIAC’s important contribution to international arbitration thought-leadership, especially as we all hope soon to be able to pivot to more in-person programing.”

Diversity and inclusion were top of mind in amending the bylaws this year, with the addition of a new leadership category, alternate director, to reinforce the talent pipeline at NYIAC’s Founding Firms, in parallel with NYIAC’s 2021 Diversity Policy. NYIAC also advanced inclusion through its Advisory Council, a dedicated body for professionals who contribute to the success of international arbitration in New York, namely, economist and third-party funding firms. **Christina Hioureas** of Foley Hoag co-chairs the Advisory Council with **Henry Weisburg** of Shearman and Sterling. The Advisory Council will collaborate with the Program Committee to develop a specialized training program that brings counsel and economists together to better understand (and utilize) the economist’s toolkit. Chavich, newly elected Treasurer and member of the Advisory Council, shares, “I am thrilled to be part of the NYIAC team, and to collaborate in upcoming projects that would continue to expand our reach in the arbitration community.”

Embracing the challenges of the pandemic, NYIAC is fortifying its hearing offerings to remain best in class by collaborating with [JAMS](#) on hearing space and with [Arbitration Place](#) on remote hearing services, to offer clients a streamlined, all-in-one package for their hearing needs in New York and globally. Booking inquiries can be sent to [info@nyiac.org](mailto:info@nyiac.org). Executive Director Rekha Rangachari observes, “NYIAC continues to grow since its auspicious beginning in 2013. Collaborations in part define our strength, first with the AAA-ICDR, and now with JAMS and

Arbitration Place, each providing an opportunity to best dialogue and respond to the needs of our global community. These developments enhance New York's role as a leading global center of international arbitration."

### **About NYIAC**

The [New York International Arbitration Center](http://nyiac.org/) (NYIAC) is a nonprofit organization formed to advance, strengthen, and promote the conduct of international arbitration in New York. NYIAC does not administer arbitrations, but rather provides hearing support services to arbitrations conducted under any institutional rules or conducted *ad hoc*. To learn more about NYIAC and international arbitration in New York, please visit <http://nyiac.org/> or contact NYIAC Executive Rekha Rangachari at [rangachari@nyiac.org](mailto:rangachari@nyiac.org).

### **NYIAC's Founding Firms and Organizations**

Alston & Bird LLP	K&L Gates LLP
Baker & McKenzie, LLP	Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP	King & Spalding LLP
Bracewell LLP	Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP
Chaffetz Lindsey LLP	Latham & Watkins LLP
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP	Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP
Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP	Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
Covington & Burling LLP	Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP
Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP	Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP
Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP	Proskauer Rose LLP
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP	Shearman & Sterling LLP
DLA Piper	Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP
Dorsey & Whitney LLP	Sidley Austin LLP
Flemming Zulack Williamson Zauderer LLP	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Foley Hoag LLP	Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP	Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP	Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz
Herbert Smith Freehills LLP	White & Case LLP
Holland & Knight LLP	Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
Norton Rose Fulbright LLP	Winston & Strawn LLP
Greenberg Traurig LLP	Dispute Resolution Section of the New York State Bar Association
Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP	International Section of the New York State Bar Association