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NYC Bar's Annual Leadership Election Results Are In

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Law360 (May 18, 2023, 3:30 PM EDT) -- The New York City Bar Association has announced the results of its annual leadership elections, saying Wednesday that 19 of its 26 board members are women or from other underrepresented groups.

Jenner & Block LLP partner Susan Kohlmann was elected to a second year as president of the NYCBA, as it is customary for the association's president to serve two years. In 2022, she was elected to succeed Sheila Boston, the NYCBA's first female president of color.

Kohlmann co-chairs Jenner & Block's trademark, advertising and unfair competition practice, and previously co-chaired its diversity, equity and inclusion committee. During her time as president so far, she saw the NYCBA through its launch of an election protection program in response to threats against election infrastructure, its rollout of a task force to help lawyers promote civic literacy, and the release of its 2023 legislative agenda.

"It is an enormous honor and privilege to serve as president of the New York City Bar Association, especially in these extraordinary times — with ongoing threats to the rule of law, ground war in Europe not seen since the Second World War, and artificial intelligence auguring monumental change in how we live and work," Kohlmann told Law360 Pulse on Thursday. "Lawyers are uniquely equipped to help steer the direction of our society, and the City Bar is uniquely positioned to bring lawyers together to do so."

Three lawyers were chosen to serve as vice presidents: Juan Arteaga, co-chair of Crowell & Moring LLP's New York antitrust practice and former deputy assistant attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division; Devika Kewalramani, leader of Moses Singer LLP's law firm industry practice; and Anna M. Pohl, attorney-editor at Thomson Reuters.

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP Chief Financial Officer Jyotin Hamid was elected as treasurer. He co-chairs his firm's employment litigation practice.

Returning to her role as secretary of the association is Paula Edgar, CEO of PGE Consulting Group LLC, a consulting firm that specializes in the intersection of professional development and diversity, equity and inclusion.

Mayer Brown LLP counsel Michele Cerezo-Natal will be chair of the board of directors. Philip Desgranges, an attorney with the Legal Aid Society, will be secretary of the board.

The members elected to the board during its annual meeting this month include three law firm partners and one associate; a law school lecturer; a private practitioner; and a member of the New York State Executive Chamber.

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