

To the NYLAG Staff,

Yisroel Schulman has notified the Board of his retirement from NYLAG, effective today. We are extremely pleased to announce that Beth Goldman has accepted our offer to become the new President and Attorney-in-Charge at NYLAG.

Beth has had a distinguished career in the law. She is a 1987 *cum laude* graduate of Harvard Law School. She clerked for Judge Charles P. Sifton in the Eastern District of New York, and then worked in private practice for five years, honing her litigation skills and maintaining an active docket of pro bono work. For 15 years she worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, rising to become Deputy Chief of the Civil Division. Then, at the New York City Department of Finance she built on her managerial skills, first as Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel and finally as the Commissioner.

Beyond those facts of an impressive resume, we have been struck by Beth's engaging personal qualities and her commitment to the mission of NYLAG. Her references (many from people who were independently known to people on the Board, and thus especially persuasive) described her in glowing terms. We want to share with you a few typical comments from those references:

"She possesses legal ability, leadership, and goodness as a human being."

"She is very even-tempered and fair-minded."

"She brought out the best in people."

"She will make your managers feel like partners."

"She will join you in your mission because she believes in it passionately."

Beth will formally join NYLAG on Tuesday, February 17. Between now and then, she will begin an informal process of educating herself about NYLAG, getting to know people, and handling basic administrative tasks in preparation for her arrival.

In the meantime, Merritt Birnbaum and Randal Jeffrey have agreed to step in and handle the day-to-day management that is necessary to keep NYLAG functioning and keep serving our clients. We commend them for the outstanding job they have done and, no doubt, will continue to do.

We envision that with Beth at the helm, we will be able to put in place a superb executive team, including Merritt in a senior administrative role, a new Chief Financial Officer and a new Deputy Attorney-in-Charge.

We hope you will all extend to Beth a very warm welcome.

Abby Milstein
Chair, on behalf of the Board of NYLAG