

Karen Mitchell Elected as the New President of the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation's Board of Directors
by Annie M. Ugurlayan



At its monthly meeting on July 14, 2009, the Board of Directors of the New York Women's Bar Association Foundation (NYWBAF) unanimously elected Karen M. Mitchell as its new president succeeding Katherine B. Posner, who served as president for seven years. Ms. Mitchell is a Director and Counsel at Credit Suisse, which she joined in 2001, and is head

of Employment Law for the Americas, based in New York. She is responsible for coordinating the Credit Suisse employment law efforts in the Americas, including the management of affirmative and defensive litigations, mediations and arbitrations. Ms. Mitchell's responsibilities also include day-to-day advice and counsel on employment issues, management of employment disputes, the Credit Suisse Employment Dispute Resolution Program, and counseling on the hiring and termination of employees. Prior to joining Credit Suisse, Ms. Mitchell was an employment litigator with Epstein Becker & Green and a Vice President of Human Resources at Citibank. Ms. Mitchell received her law degree from Fordham Law School and a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

"Karen has been an extremely active Board member, chairing our Advisory Board Committee, which led to the Foundation's recently reconstituted Advisory Board. I am so pleased that she has agreed to take on the role of President of the Foundation. With her leadership and organizational skills, I can think of no one better to lead the Foundation at this important time," remarked Ms. Posner. The Board also unanimously approved a resolution congratulating Ms. Posner on her many years of service and outstanding leadership as President of the NYWBAF, where she assiduously promoted the mission of the Foundation by, among other things, successfully planning and championing the Foundation's Breakfast series while remaining a preeminent attorney in her field of practice.

Many thanks to Ms. Posner for her leadership and best wishes to Ms. Mitchell on her new position!

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NOTES ON MEMBERS

Has something noteworthy happened to you or another member? Send your news to newsletter@nywba.org.

Congratulations to the Honorable Betty Weinberg Ellerin (NYWBA Past President and retired Justice of the Appellate Division, First Department) and Sylvia Di Pietro (past Officer, Director and Committee Chair) on their election to the Board of Directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association.

On June 22, 2009, the Honorable Sheri Roman, a member of the NYWBA Advisory Counsel and past First Vice-President, was selected by Governor Paterson to fill a vacancy on the Appellate Division, Second Department. She was also re-elected to her second 14-year term as a Supreme Court Justice in Queens County, New York.

Annie M. Ugurlayan was appointed Chair of the Consumer Affairs Committee of the NYC Bar Association. She is also running in the Hamptons Marathon on September 26, 2009 to raise money for Women's World Banking. Check out her website <http://www.swwb.org/support-anahid>.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Matrimonial & Family Law Committee - The Matrimonial & Family Law Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. at the offices of Blank Rome LLP, 405 Lexington Ave., NYC. The topic for the September meeting will be an update on recent statutory and case law. To RSVP, send an email to Co-Chairs Briana Denney, Sophie Jacobi & Hon. Andrea Masley at M&F@nywba.org, or call Ms. Denney at 212-684-1000.

Other NYWBA Committees - Other committees also host programs and hold substantive meetings throughout the year, and many are looking for new members. If you are interested in joining a Committee or attending a meeting, contact the appropriate Committee Chair (names and contact information are posted at www.nywba.org/committees), or send a note to info@nywba.org.

If you are interested in chairing or forming a Committee, send a note to President@nywba.org to express your interest and provide information about your background and experience in the subject area(s) covered by the Committee.

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At our Annual Dinner, to be held next Spring 2010, we will be celebrating our 75th anniversary.

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