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## **Samuel W. Seymour Nominated to be New York City Bar Association President**

### **Nominees for Leadership Positions Announced**

New York, December 3, 2009 – Samuel W. Seymour has been nominated as President of the New York City Bar Association. If elected, Seymour will succeed Patricia M. Hynes as the 64<sup>th</sup> president in the Association’s 139-year history. The election will take place at the City Bar’s annual meeting on May 18, 2010. The City Bar also announced its slate of officers and members of its Executive and Audit Committees.

Seymour is a partner at Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, where he concentrates on white-collar criminal defense, regulatory enforcement matters and internal investigations. He has represented individuals and institutions in a broad range of financial and industrial business sectors worldwide, and has led many high-profile investigations involving allegations of accounting fraud, securities fraud, foreign bribery, price-fixing, trade sanctions violations, money laundering and bank regulatory offenses.

Reflecting his commitment to public service, Seymour served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Deputy Chief Appellate Attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1988 through 1991, and has held leadership positions in many organizations serving the legal and educational communities, including Trustee of the Practising Law Institute, Director of the Fund for Modern Courts, and Director of the First Department Assigned Counsel Corporation. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors of Columbia Law School and has been an Adjunct Professor teaching trial practice at Columbia.

Seymour’s honors and recognitions include the Robert M. Morgenthau Award, Police Athletic League, for distinguished legal career (2009); the Milton S. Gould Award for Outstanding Oral Advocacy, Office of the Appellate Defender (2008); and the John J. McCloy Award, Fund for Modern Courts (2007).

Seymour has been an active member of the City Bar for over 25 years, having served as both a member and Chair of the Executive Committee, Vice President of the Association and Chair of the Board of the City Bar Justice Center.

“It is a great honor to be nominated to serve as President of this renowned and dynamic Association,” said Seymour. “The Association has long been the voice and the conscience of the New York legal community as we fulfill our professional obligations to improve the legal system, serve our clients effectively and ensure equal access to justice. I look forward to taking on this enormous responsibility.”

Zachary W. Carter, of Dorsey & Whitney LLP; Mei Lin Kwan-Gett, of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP; and Robert C. Sheehan, of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP were nominated to serve as the City Bar's three Vice Presidents.

Donald S. Bernstein of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP was re-nominated to serve as Treasurer and Sheila S. Boston of Kaye Scholer LLP was re-nominated to serve as Secretary.

The nominees for the Executive Committee class of 2014 were: Carrie H. Cohen, of the U.S. Attorney's Office (SDNY); Prof. Bruce A. Green, of Fordham University School of Law; Hon. Debra A. James, of the New York State Supreme Court and Peter J.W. Sherwin, of Proskauer Rose LLP.

The following were re-nominated to serve on the Audit Committee: Robert J. Anello, of Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason, Anello & Bohrer P.C.; Daniel F. Kolb, of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP and Christopher L. Mann, of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP. Newly nominated candidates for the Audit Committee are Richard Cashman, of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP and Hon. Elizabeth S. Stong, of the United States Bankruptcy Court (EDNY).

The candidates were nominated by the City Bar's Nominating Committee, which is comprised of Bettina B. Plevan (Chair), Hon. Rolando T. Acosta, David M. Brodsky, Hon. George B. Daniels, John S. Kiernan, Susan J. Kohlmann and Victor A. Kovner.

**About the New York City Bar Association**

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