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New York State
Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection

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**Former Court of Appeals Clerk and Civic Leader Appointed as
Trustees to Lawyers' Fund**

(Albany, NY - 12/4/13) The Court of Appeals has appointed two Trustees to administer the New York Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. The Lawyers' Fund is a state agency, financed by New York's legal profession, which reimburses law clients for the misuse of their money by an attorney in the practice of law.

Former Court of Appeals Clerk **Stuart M. Cohen** was appointed to a three-year term as a Trustee. Mr. Cohen retired in 2010 after serving for 14 years as the Clerk of the Court where he was responsible for supervising operations of the state's highest court. Mr. Cohen had previously served with the Court of Appeals as Deputy Clerk and as a law clerk to Chief Judge Sol Wachtler and Associate Judge Jacob D. Fuchsberg. Mr. Cohen is now a sole practitioner in Rensselaer concentrating on appellate matters.

Charlotte Holstein of Syracuse was re-appointed by the Court of Appeals to a three-year term as Trustee. Mrs. Holstein is the founder and Executive Director of F.O.C.U.S. Greater Syracuse, a community interest organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in the Syracuse area. She is one of two non-lawyer members of the Board of Trustees for the Lawyers' Fund. Mrs. Holstein has served as a Trustee since 2001.

The Lawyers' Fund is administered by seven trustees appointed by the Court of Appeals. The Trustees serve without compensation as a public service. In 2012, the Fund's Trustees approved 187 awards reimbursing \$5.4 million to eligible law clients. The Fund does not receive any tax dollars or revenue from the State's IOLA program.

The offices of the New York Lawyers' Fund are located in Albany. Telephone: 800-442-3863. Website: www.nylawfund.org

