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**Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection**

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### **Court of Appeals Selects Three Trustees for Lawyers' Fund**

(Albany, NY - 11/16/12) The Court of Appeals has appointed three Trustees to administer the New York Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection. The Lawyers' Fund is a special trust 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.

**Eric A. Seiff** of the Bronx has been re-appointed to serve his 11<sup>th</sup> term of office as a Trustee with the Lawyers' Fund. Mr. Seiff, a partner in the Manhattan law firm of Scopetta, Seiff, Kretz & Abercrombie, is a charter member of the Fund's Board of Trustees having served as a Trustee since 1981. Mr. Seiff has served as the Fund's Chairman since 2010.

**Peter A. Bellacosa** of Manhattan was also re-appointed as a Trustee with the Lawyers' Fund. Mr. Bellacosa, a partner with the Manhattan law firm of Kirkland & Ellis, was selected to serve his second three-year term as a Trustee. Mr. Bellacosa is also the Fund's Treasurer.

**Anthony J. Baynes**, a Williamsville businessman, was named to the Fund's Board of Trustees for the first time. Mr. Baynes is the founder and Chairman of the AJ Baynes Group, a Buffalo based development and logistics company. Mr. Baynes will serve as one of the two non-lawyer members of the Fund's Board.

The Lawyers' Fund is administered by seven trustees appointed by New York's high court. The Trustees serve without compensation as a public service. In 2011, the Fund's Trustees approved 253 awards reimbursing \$6.9 million to eligible law clients. No tax dollars are used by the Fund.

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

