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Legal Aid Appoints Lynn K. Neuner to Chair of the Board of Directors

Appointment Announced as Legal Aid Marks 150 Years of Serving New Yorkers

(NEW YORK, NY) — The Legal Aid Society today [announced](#) the appointment of Lynn K. Neuner to Chair of the Board of Directors, succeeding Zachary Carter, who served in this position for five years. Neuner's appointment comes amid Legal Aid's landmark 150th year of advancing justice for low-income New Yorkers.

Neuner is a Litigation Partner at Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP, where she serves as Global Co-Chair of the firm's Litigation Department. Neuner has extensive experience in pro bono representation and previously partnered with the Yale Law School Veterans Legal Services Clinic on a landmark case that established the right of veterans to bring class actions in Veterans Court.

In addition to her work with Legal Aid, Neuner also serves on the Lawyers' Committee of the Inner-City Scholarship Fund, is a member of the Commercial Division Advisory Council, and is Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Practicing Law Institute.

"I am honored to take on the role of Chair of The Legal Aid Society's Board of Directors at such a pivotal time in the organization's 150-year history," said **Lynn K. Neuner, Chair of the Board of Directors for The Legal Aid Society**. "For a century and a half, Legal Aid has been a lifeline for New Yorkers, adapting countless times to meet the changing needs of the people it serves. While I look forward to celebrating this incredible history, I am equally excited to look toward the future at how we can continue to represent and serve the people and communities who need us most."

Public service and pro bono work have always been an integral part of Neuner's career. Her commitment extends to the community in which she practices and drives her engagement with Legal Aid, where she also serves on the Board's Development Committee. Neuner has seen the impact of Legal Aid's work firsthand through Simpson Thacher's long history of supporting the organization. The firm has partnered with Legal Aid in a range of pro bono efforts, from representation of immigrant children to criminal appeals.

"We are proud to welcome Lynn Neuner as Chair of the Board of Directors, where her proven commitment to advancing justice for all New Yorkers will undoubtedly make her an invaluable asset to our organization," said **Twyla Carter, Attorney-in-Chief and Chief Executive Officer at The Legal Aid Society**. "I also want to thank Zachary Carter, whose dedicated leadership has helped strengthen and guide our organization throughout the past five years. As we commemorate Legal Aid's 150th anniversary this year, I look forward to working alongside Lynn to build on our existing legacy and ensure that our organization remains a pillar of unwavering advocacy for low-income and vulnerable New Yorkers for years and decades to come."

“It has been my privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of Directors, and I thank all those who have joined in the effort provide the resources necessary to support Legal Aid’s mission as New York City’s premier nonprofit law firm,” said **Zachary Carter, former Chair of the Board of Directors for The Legal Aid Society**. “I also congratulate Lynn on her appointment as Chair, where I know she will provide wise and principled leadership in challenging times. For 150 years, Legal Aid has remained steadfast in its commitment to providing zealous representation for all New Yorkers, and I am deeply grateful to have been a part of that extraordinary history.”

“I’m thrilled to congratulate Lynn on her appointment to Chair of the Board of Directors,” said **Alan Levine, President of The Legal Aid Society’s Board of Directors**. “With her extensive pro bono experience and longtime commitment to public service, I am certain Lynn will help lead this organization with the same dedication and integrity that has defined her career thus far. I would also like to offer my deepest gratitude to Zachary Carter for his thoughtful, principled leadership as Board Chair over these past five years. As Legal Aid continues to expand and strengthen our work throughout the five boroughs, I am eager to partner with Lynn on how we can best meet the needs of the more than two million New Yorkers Legal Aid serves each year.”

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The Legal Aid Society is a nonprofit law firm that exists for one simple yet powerful reason: to ensure that New Yorkers are not denied their right to equal justice because of poverty. For 150 years, we have protected, defended, and advocated for those who have struggled in silence for far too long. Every day, in every borough, The Legal Aid Society changes the lives of the people we serve and helps improve our communities.

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