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RNLA Elects New Officers

Washington, DC — The Republican National Lawyers Association (RNLA) elected new officers at its recent annual board meeting. These elite attorneys will help to lead the over 5,000-member-strong organization in 2017.

Elliot Berke was elected the new President. Mr. Berke serves as Managing Partner of Berke Farah LLP and previously was a partner and practice group co-chair at McGuireWoods LLP. He has been named by Chambers USA as a "Nationwide Best Lawyer" and by Washingtonian as one of "Washington's Best Lawyers."

Outgoing RNLA President Larry Levy said: "I am pleased to turn over the office of President to Elliot, a very capable leader, an excellent lawyer, and a good friend. He will ably manage and grow the RNLA during this critical first year of President-elect Trump's administration."

Kimberly Reed was elected the first female Chair of the RNLA. Ms. Reed serves as President of the International Food Information Council (IFIC) Foundation. Recognized as one of the *100 Women Leaders in STEM* (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), she also is on the Boards of the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Impact Movement, American Swiss Foundation, and National Coalition for Food and Agriculture Research.

RNLA Executive Director Michael Thielen said: "I have worked with Kimberly when she was a senior official in the U.S. Treasury Department, counsel to the U.S. Congress, and at RNLA. Her leadership skills and passion for the RNLA, the rule of law, and the advancement of women in the Republican Party will be a tremendous asset to the RNLA."

Manuel Iglesias was elected First Vice President. Mr. Iglesias is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Hygea Holdings Corp. He previously served as Director of the healthcare group at the law firm of Becker & Poliakoff and later was a member of the healthcare group at Ruden McClosky.

Brent A. Bramnick was elected Vice President for Membership. Mr. Bramnick joined the Law Offices of Bramnick, Rodriguez, Grabas, Arnold & Mangan, LLC in 2013 after serving for five years as an Assistant Prosecutor in the Union County Prosecutor's Office.

Eric Lycan was elected Vice President for Judicial Affairs. Mr. Lycan is a partner at Dinsmore & Shohl LLP. He was counsel for U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's 2014 reelection effort and is the outside general counsel to the Republican Party of Kentucky.

David Warrington was elected Vice President for Election Education. Mr. Warrington is the chair of LeClairRyan's Political Law Practice and a member of the firm's Corporate and Intellectual Property Litigation practice teams. He has been called the "Lawyer to the Liberty Movement" and is a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

Other officers for 2017 who were re-elected to the same position or elected to a new position after serving in a different capacity last year are:

Larry Levy, Vice Chair

Chris Marston, Secretary

Roger Barth, Treasurer

David Bowsher, Vice President for Programming

Marc Ellinger, Vice President for Finance

Ronald Hicks, Vice President for Communications

Stefan Passantino, Vice President for DC Operations

For more information about RNLA's officers, please visit the Leadership page on RNLA's website: <http://rnla.org/about/leadership.asp>.

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