

# Nassau, Suffolk bars to install new leaders

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The changing of the guard is upon us as Long Island's two local bar associations prepare to install new presidents.

Scott Karson, a partner at Melville-based Lamb & Barnosky, will be installed as the 96th president of the Suffolk County Bar Association in June. He replaces Douglas LeRose, a solo practitioner in Melville.

In Nassau, District Court Judge Susan Kluewer will take the bar's reins from Rivkin Radler Managing Partner William Savino. Kluewer, who also will begin her duties in June, will be the NCBA's 102nd president.

Both Karson and Kluewer will oversee their respective associations' activities, which include presiding over committee meetings and bar-sponsored events and serving as chief spokespeople. "It's a challenge that I'm up for and ready to take on," Karson said.

He said the Suffolk Bar plans to work on a number of issues – for one, a study of the issues faced by solo and small-firm practitioners that was begun under the current bar

association president. In addition, the SCBA will continue to encourage its members to dedicate time toward voluntary pro-bono work.

Karson joined the bar association

in 1980 and has since served in a number of roles there, including director, secretary, treasurer, first vice president and president-elect. He also served as an officer and first vice president of the Suffolk Academy of Law, the bar association's educational arm, and has lectured frequently on appellate

practice for the academy and the New York State Bar Association. Karson, who received a bachelor's degree from Stony Brook University and a juris doctorate from Syracuse University College of Law, formerly served as an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County and as law secretary to former Justice Lawrence J. Bracken of the Appellate Division, Second Department.

Kluewer, who has been on the bench since March 2000, said it will be a "juggling act" managing her judicial responsibilities along with those of the bar association. "I'm going to handle it one project at a time and work to get everything

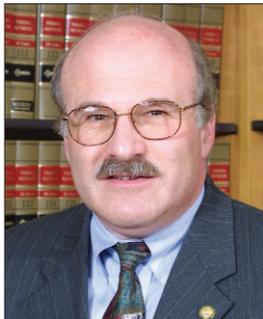
done," she said.

Kluewer also said she will focus on diversity within the bar's ranks and on attracting more young members.

In addition, Kluewer said the bar association would continue to study the process of judicial selection, examining the existing processes and making recommendations for the future. In addition, she plans to continue encouraging the powers that be to compensate public-sector attorneys adequately.

Kluewer began her legal career as a litigator for the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs in 1975. The Hofstra Law School graduate returned to her alma mater as a managing attorney and professor of the school's clinical law office. There she litigated cases in state and federal courts, and in administrative agencies, and supervised a staff of student lawyers. She later served as a law secretary to Justice Stanley Harwood of Appellate Division, Second Department.

As for the NYSBA, Kenneth Standard, special counsel at the labor and employment law practice group at New York-based Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, will begin his term on June 1. He replaces Long Islander A. Thomas Levin, a partner at Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein.



Scott Karson