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**MODERN COURTS ELECTS WILLIAM C. SILVERMAN
AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD;
ABBE R. GLUCK AND MARY SCHUETTE AS VICE CHAIRS;
DAVID A. BARRETT AS SECRETARY; AND RICHARD H. SILBERBERG AS
TREASURER**

New York, NY – The Board of Directors of The Fund for Modern Courts, a non-profit organizations dedicated to judicial reform in New York State, announced that William C. Silverman, a partner at Proskauer Rose LLP responsible for leading Proskauer's global pro bono efforts, was elected Chair of the Modern Courts' Board, succeeding Amelia T.R. Starr, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, who had been Chair since May 2018.

Mr. Silverman said, "It is an honor to take on this responsibility, especially at a time of crisis and increasing hardship when the need for a strong and independent judiciary has never been greater."

In addition, Modern Courts announced that Abbe R. Gluck, the Alfred M. Rankin Professor of Law at Yale Law School, and Mary Schuette, the former Vice President, Legal Services, of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., have s been named Vice-Chairs of the Fund for Modern Courts.

David A. Barrett, a Partner with Boies Schiller Flexner LLP, was elected to continue his service as Secretary of the Fund for Modern Courts and Richard H. Silberberg, a Partner with Dorsey & Whitney LLP, was elected to continue his service as Treasurer of the Fund for Modern Courts.

William C. Silverman has dedicated himself throughout his career to the promotion of equal access to justice through pro bono service, particularly in the area of family court, anti-trafficking, and immigration. As counsel to the New York State Anti-Trafficking

Coalition, he has been a strong advocate for changes in the law and public policy to protect victims of human trafficking and bring perpetrators to justice. Until recently, Mr. Silverman was chairman of Legal Information For Families Today (LIFT), an organization that helps approximately 30,000 unrepresented litigants per year in Family Court. Over 10 years ago, he helped spearhead the Volunteer Attorney Program, which facilitates pro bono work in Family Court. Mr. Silverman has robust private and public sector experience and a strong criminal and civil background. Prior to joining Proskauer, he worked extensively on government investigations and white collar criminal matters, as well as complex civil litigation in federal and state courts. He also served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York, where he led criminal investigations, conducted trials and handled Second Circuit appeals. Mr. Silverman received his undergraduate degree from Brown University, and a law degree from NYU Law School where he was an editor of the Law Review.

Abbe R. Gluck previously was on the faculty of Columbia Law School and served in the Bloomberg Administration as Chief of Staff and Counsel to the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, Deputy Counsel to the NYC Charter Revision Commission, and Senior Counsel to the Corporation Counsel. She was also Special Counsel and Senior Advisor to the New Jersey Attorney General. Earlier in her career, Gluck clerked for then-Chief Judge Ralph K. Winter on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and was associated with the Paul Weiss firm. She sits on the Council on the Profession and the NYC Affairs Committee at the NYC Bar Association and is an elected member of the ALI Council, the leadership body of the American Law Institute, and an appointed member of the Uniform Law Commission and the New York State Taskforce on Life and the Law. She is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of state courts, civil procedure, federalism, Congress, legislation and health law and has published widely on those subjects. She previously served as Secretary of the Board of The Fund for Modern Courts.

Mary Schuette was a member of the company's senior legal team, responsible for managing complex regulatory and legal matters, including litigation, compliance and human resource issues. Since 2014 she has served on the board of directors of Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc., a Con Edison subsidiary. She previously served as the vice chair of the nominating and corporate governance committee of the board of trustees of the Tenement Museum. Prior to joining Con Edison's legal department, she worked for the National Labor Relations Board as a trial, appellate and supervisory attorney. A Columbia University Law School graduate, she was in the first class of women to attend Yale College.

David A. Barrett specializes in appellate, commercial and securities litigation, and international arbitration. A board member of the Fund since 2011, he also serves as chair of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Barrett is a long-time director, vice-chair, secretary and honorary director of Spence-Chapin Services for Families, one of the nation's leading adoption agencies. In addition, he is a member of Columbia Law School's Board of Visitors and of U.S. Senator Charles Schumer's Judicial Screening Panel and has been

a court-appointed receiver for the SEC to administer securities fraud disgorgement funds. Earlier in his career, he was law clerk for Justice Thurgood Marshall.

Richard H. Silberberg is a 1972 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a 1975 graduate of the New York University School of Law. He is currently a litigation partner in the New York office of the firm of Dorsey & Whitney LLP, where he has served as Chair of the Policy Committee (Board of Directors), Partner-in-Charge of the Global Advocacy Group, a member of the Management Committee, and New York Office Head. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the International Arbitration & Litigation and Class Action Litigation Groups. Mr. Silberberg also has more than 30 years of experience as an independent arbitrator and mediator. He is a Past President and current Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the New York International Arbitration Center since its inception. Mr. Silberberg is a member of the Board of Directors of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, and Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Fund for Modern Courts.

Founded in 1955, Modern Courts is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, statewide organization dedicated to improving the courts in New York State through advocacy, public education and in-court programming.

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