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## **NYS TRIAL LAWYERS ASS'N INAUGURATES NEW PRESIDENT *Nicholas Timko Pledges Strong Pro-Consumer Public Safety Agenda***

NEW YORK, NY -- The New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) today installed its new president, attorney Nicholas I. Timko. Timko has pledged to advance a strong pro-consumer public safety agenda.

Timko's ceremonial installation occurs today at Brooklyn Borough Hall, presided over by the Hon. Sylvia O. Hinds-Radix, Administrative Judge for Civil Matters, Second Judicial Department.

Timko succeeds Richard Binko, of Cheektowaga, NY, and will serve a one-year term.

"During my term, I will strengthen NYSTLA's role as an advocate for public safety and an agent for stronger enforcement of the social contract -- those who unnecessarily endanger the public must be held accountable," said Timko.

Timko says this will require educating the public and even NYSTLA's own membership: "Our work must be informed by a sense of purpose. We are guardians of public safety, and we need to do a better job, as an institution and as individual practitioners, communicating that to the public and to policymakers."

Timko also plans for stepped-up NYSTLA's messaging efforts targeted against corporations and individuals who seek to profit at the expense of public safety: "We will not stand idly by while big corporations violate their social obligations, and camouflage their greed under the banner of economic development."

"We value liberty and freedom: You can do whatever you want, so long as you don't hurt somebody else. The liberty that we hold sacred as Americans works when there are clear rules of conduct, that leave no space for cutting corners," said Timko.

Timko is the managing partner of the firm of Kahn, Gordon, Timko & Rodriques, P.C. He has been practicing law since 1983. He has spent his entire career representing clients injured in all types of accidents resulting from unsafe conditions of sidewalks, roadways, subways, buildings, construction sites, defective products, vehicle accidents and medical malpractice.

The New York State Trial Lawyers Association is a 4,000-member bar association that seeks to promote a safer and healthier society, to assure access to the civil justice system and preserve the constitutional right to a trial by jury for those who are unnecessarily injured by others and to advance representation of the public by ethical, well-trained lawyers.