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Ciparick Heads Board of Law Examiners

The Court of Appeals today announced the appointment of former Court of Appeals Judge Carmen Beauchamp Ciparick as chair of the State Board of Law Examiners, which prepares and administers the bar examination for the admission of attorneys in New York.

"We are fortunate to have someone of Judge Ciparick's ability and experience to serve in such an important post," Chief Judge Janet DiFiore said. "The Board of Law Examiners is the gatekeeper that protects the quality and integrity of the legal profession. I am certain that Carmen Ciparick will lead the Board with great distinction."

Judge Ciparick, of counsel at the law firm of Greenberg Traurig in Manhattan, was an Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals from January 1994 through December 2012 and served as Acting Chief Judge in January 2009. Prior to that, she served for 15 years as a trial judge in the New York City Criminal Court and the State Supreme Court. She graduated from Hunter College and St. John's University School of Law. She will be just the fourth chair to lead the Board of Law Examiners since 1986.

"I thank the Chief Judge and the Court of Appeals for this extraordinary opportunity to continue serving the profession, and I truly appreciate the confidence the Court has placed in me," Judge Ciparick said. "I look forward to working with my new colleagues and excellent staff at the Board of Law Examiners and working once again with the Court of Appeals."

She succeeds Diane F. Bosse, who retires today. Ms. Bosse served on the Board of Law Examiners for more than 22 years, serving the last 19 years as its chair. The Chief Judge said, "The Court thanks Diane Bosse for her many years of extraordinary leadership, especially during this current, most difficult year."

Last year, 14,200 candidates took the New York bar examination.