

BEVERLY HILLS BAR

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BEVERLY HILLS BAR ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDATION WELCOME 2024 OFFICERS

Beverly Hills, CA – October 3, 2022 – The Beverly Hills Bar Association and Beverly Hills Bar Foundation will swear in officers for the 2024 bar year at the organizations' Installation Dinner on October 5th at Skirball Cultural Center. Judge David Cowan of the Los Angeles Superior Court will administer the oath. Full event details are available at https://www.bhba.org/installation.

The Association will install Alexander Rufus-Isaacs of Rufus-Isaacs, Acland & Grantham, LLP as President; Nadira Imam of Lawrence H. Jacobson, APC as President-Elect; Anthony D. Storm of Storm Palyan LLP as Vice President; and Alphonse Provinziano of Provinziano & Associates as Secretary/Treasurer. Malcolm S. McNeil of Arent Fox Schiff will serve as Immediate Past President. The Association will also swear in two local attorneys as new Governors: Michael G. Freedman of The Freedman Firm PC and Lorena Vazquez of Vazquez Law.

"I am delighted to lead the Beverly Hills Bar Association for the upcoming year. The transformation of this organization into the model of a modern bar association has been remarkable to participate in, and I am confident we can find even more success in 2024," Rufus-Isaacs said. His presidential priorities will include focusing on the bar's long-term expansion, expanding its successful mentoring program for law students and young lawyers, and growing BHBA's public service footprint. "BHBA is so fortunate to have extraordinary volunteer bar leaders who produce outstanding CLE content year-round, and our BHBA OnDemand technology ensures those programs receive a robust audience nationwide. We will continue to lift up those educational efforts while we also focus on providing the next generation of leaders with mentorship and leadership opportunities," said Rufus-Isaacs.

Rufus-Isaacs is an Oxford University graduate who began his career as a barrister in England in 1982. He moved to Los Angeles and was admitted to the California bar in 1988. He is a litigator with an emphasis on media, entertainment, and business disputes, who jokes that lately he sues Netflix by day and watches Netflix at night. Many of his cases have international dimensions. He co-founded Rufus-Isaacs, Acland & Grantham in 2010. He has been selected as a Super Lawyer for 2017-2024 by *Southern California Super Lawyer Magazine*, Lawyer of the Year for Copyright in 2023 in LA by *Best Lawyers* and has been honored as a media litigator by numerous international law and business organizations. View Alexander's complete bio <u>here</u>.

The Beverly Hills Bar Foundation, the Association's charitable arm, will swear in the Association's Immediate Past President, Malcolm S. McNeil, as President. McNeil is a partner and International Practice Co-leader at ArentFox Schiff LLP, with more than 35 years of litigation and commercial experience. He practices complex litigation, international arbitration and dispute resolution, and business matters within multiple industries and sectors. Malcolm is a member of various boards and legal associations, including Vice-Chair of the American Bar Association's Northeast Asia, Japan, & Korea Committee and a past President of the International Association of Young Lawyers. View Malcolm's complete bio <u>here</u>. The Foundation also welcomes new Directors: Gary Greene of the Law Offices of Gary S. Greene and LaVonne D. Lawson of Leech Tishman.

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