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Belluck ’94 named to the SUNY Board of Trustees

The State University of New York recently announced that Gov. David Paterson’s appointment of Joseph W. Belluck ’94 to the SUNY Board of Trustees was confirmed by the State Senate. Belluck is a founding partner of the Manhattan law firm of Belluck & Fox LLP, which focuses on asbestos, consumer, environmental and defective product litigation.

His appointment was effective July 1, 2010, to a term that expires June 30, 2017. He replaces Trustee Robert J. Bellafiore, who has served as a member of the board since 2005.

Board Chairman Carl T. Hayden said, “As a distinguished alumnus holding both undergraduate and graduate SUNY degrees, and as a former lecturer in our classrooms, Joseph Belluck is a welcome addition to the Board of Trustees.”

“Joseph Belluck’s SUNY education and his experience with the state attorney general’s office make him an excellent addition to the SUNY Board,” said SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher. “Joe’s knowledge of SUNY and New York State will benefit the entire system as we implement ‘The Power of SUNY,’ our new strategic plan.”

Belluck said, “I am honored to have been appointed by the governor to be a SUNY trustee. As a SUNY alumnus, I know firsthand the value of SUNY to its students, faculty and local communities. SUNY is one of New York’s treasures and I am looking forward to ensuring that it continues to provide high-quality educational experiences to all New Yorkers.”

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of SUNY and consists of 17 members, 15 of whom are appointed by the governor by and with consent of the State Senate.

The president of the Student Assembly serves as student trustee, and the president of the University Faculty Senate serves as an ex officio and non-voting trustee.

SUNY trustees serve on a voluntary basis without compensation for terms of seven years.

Belluck graduated in 1989 with a B.S. in sociology from Binghamton University and magna cum laude from the University at Buffalo Law School in 1994, where he later served as an adjunct lecturer on mass torts.

Belluck previously served as counsel to the New York State attorney general, representing the State of New York in its litigation against the tobacco industry, as a judicial law clerk for Justice Lloyd Doggett of the Texas Supreme Court, and as director of attorney services for Trial Lawyers Care, an organization dedicated to providing free legal assistance to victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

He lives in New York City and Woodstock with his wife, Laura, and their children, Olivia and William.

Brent L. Wilson ’76 honored by Atlanta Business League

Brent L. Wilson ’76, a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council and recipient of the Law Alumni Association’s 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award, has been named among the Atlanta Business League’s 2010 Men of Influence. The honor, bestowed at a dinner July 27, recognizes black business owners, professionals, community and civic leaders in the metropolitan Atlanta area who have reached senior-level positions within their profession, are leading entrepreneurs in their industry, have proven history-making feats or have attained the ability to influence large public bodies politically and in government.

In addition to professional accomplishments, the Men of Influence have demonstrated their commitment to the citizenry of Metro Atlanta by maintaining significant involvement and participation in community and civic activities.

Wilson, a partner in the Atlanta law firm of Elarbee, Thompson, Saap & Wilson LLP, devotes his practice to defending employers in employment-related litigation matters as well as counseling employers regarding day-to-day employment decisions to avoid litigation. He works with a variety of employers nationwide, including communications companies, service providers, educational institutions, non-profit groups, public entities and manufacturing operations. He has been named one of America’s Leading Black Lawyers by Black Enterprise magazine, a member of Georgia’s Legal Elite by Georgia Trend magazine and one of Georgia’s Top 100 Attorneys by Super Lawyers magazine.