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## **New York Lawyers for the Public Interest Honors Markus U. Diethelm and Martin Flumenbaum at the 2017 Law & Society Award Luncheon**

*Markus U. Diethelm, Group General Counsel of UBS, and Martin Flumenbaum, Senior Litigation Partner at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP honored for their exemplary leadership and commitment to the greater good*

New York, NY, February 16, 2017 – New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI), a leading civil rights advocacy group for New Yorkers in need, today honored Markus U. Diethelm, Group General Counsel of UBS, and Martin Flumenbaum, Senior Litigation Partner of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, at the 2017 Law & Society Award Luncheon hosted at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

NYLPI's annual Law & Society Award Luncheon is one of the premier events of New York City's legal and corporate communities. Celebrating its 24th year, the Luncheon was attended by partners from the city's major law firms, federal judges, and influential members of the City's corporations. All proceeds raised will support NYLPI's efforts to advance civil rights and social justice for all New Yorkers. Past honorees include The Honorable Ruth Bader Ginsburg and The Honorable Mario M. Cuomo, as well as most recently Brian Moynihan of Bank of America and John F. Savarese of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. The event also marked the culmination of NYLPI's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

"NYLPI is celebrating 40 years of work with and for our communities. Our success has been driven by both our partnerships with our clients, and the steadfast support of the legal community. Markus and Marty have been integral to our efforts to protect the rights of every New Yorker and to continue the fight for quality healthcare and housing, safe jobs, equal schools, and healthy neighborhoods," said NYLPI Executive Director McGregor Smyth. "They stand as formidable examples of why it is so important – especially now – to use the power of law to ensure dignity, equality, and justice for all New Yorkers."

Markus Diethelm joined UBS as Group General Counsel and a member of the Group Executive Board in September 2008. Prior to joining UBS, Mr. Diethelm acted as Group Chief Legal Officer at Swiss Re, where he was also on the Executive Board. From 1992-1998, he focused on securities transactions, litigation, and regulatory investigations at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. He had previously specialized in mergers and acquisitions at Shearman & Sterling LLP from 1989 until 1992. From 1988 to 1989, he was a foreign associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. Mr. Diethelm started his professional career in 1983 at the Zurich law firm Bär & Karrer, before clerking for a year at the District Court of Uster in Switzerland in 1984. Mr. Diethelm is the Chairman of the Legal Committee of the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Committee on Capital Markets Regulation, and the Foundation Council of the UBS International Center of Economics in Society. He also belongs to the Conseil de Fondation du Musée International de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge, and the Professional Ethics Commission of the Association of Swiss Corporate Lawyers. Mr. Diethelm received his law degree from

the University of Zurich, and his Master of Laws and Ph. D. degrees from Stanford Law School. He is qualified as attorney-at-law in the State of New York as well as in Switzerland.

"I want to thank NYLPI for this special honor," said Mr. Diethelm. "By working with and for those who are disadvantaged and marginalised, we do more than help those in most need. We also, I believe, help ourselves."

Martin Flumenbaum is a Senior Partner in the Litigation Department of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP. He advises clients domestically and internationally on securities, mergers and acquisitions, commercial litigation, intellectual property, antitrust, and white-collar matters. Mr. Flumenbaum was the Chair of the Paul, Weiss Litigation Department for six years, during which time Paul, Weiss was named the best U.S. litigation firm by *The American Lawyer*. He is regularly recognized as a top litigator by *Chambers*, *Benchmark Litigation*, *Lawdragon*, *Super Lawyers*, and *Legal 500*, and was also named National Litigation Star by Benchmark Litigation for Antitrust and Commercial Litigation. Prior to becoming a partner at Paul, Weiss, Mr. Flumenbaum served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of New York from 1979 to 1982, acting as lead prosecutor for several high profile cases during his tenure. Mr. Flumenbaum also clerked for Judge Whitman Knapp of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a member of the Board of the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, a member of the Emeritus Board of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and the President and leader of the board of Congregation Rodeph Sholom. He has authored the monthly "Second Circuit Review" column for the *New York Law Journal* since 1985. Mr. Flumenbaum received his J.D. from Harvard Law School, and his B.A. from Columbia College.

"I have had the privilege of being on the Board of Directors of NYLPI for 25 years, and know first-hand how significant the work of this organization is to so many communities and individuals seeking social justice in this City. I am honored and thankful for this truly special award," said Mr. Flumenbaum.

#### **About New York Lawyers for the Public Interest**

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) advances equality and civil rights, with a focus on health justice, disability rights and environmental justice, through the power of community lawyering and partnerships with the private bar. Through community lawyering, NYLPI puts its legal, policy and community organizing expertise at the service of New York City communities and individuals. NYLPI's partnership with the private bar strengthens its advocacy and connects community groups and nonprofits with critical legal assistance.

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