

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****The Museum of Modern Art****PATTY LIPSHUTZ APPOINTED GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART**

Patty Lipshutz has been named the new General Counsel and Secretary to the Board of Trustees of The Museum of Modern Art, announced Museum Director Glenn D. Lowry. On September 8 she will succeed Beverly M. Wolff, who served in that position from 1982 until her resignation on March 31, 1998.

"Patty's background and experience make her uniquely qualified to assume this important position at this time," remarked Mr. Lowry. "Her 20 years of broad legal experience in the profit and nonprofit worlds will allow her to deal with the many diverse issues and matters that the Museum faces each year. Additionally, her extensive experience in real estate matters makes her the ideal person to help guide MoMA through the major expansion and renovation currently underway."

Managing a six-person department, Ms. Lipshutz's duties include all legal matters such as copyright, licensing, employment and labor, litigation, contracts, gifts and estates, and real estate. She is also responsible for planning and coordinating meetings of the Board of Trustees, participation in the formulation of Board policies, and resolution of governance issues.

Ms. Lipshutz comes to the Museum from St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, where she was Senior Vice-President, Legal Affairs and General Counsel, and served as Assistant Secretary, from 1987 through January 1998. There she worked extensively with real estate matters during St. Luke's major building modernization project, as well as labor and employment issues, such as arbitrations and benefits. Her previous positions include Assistant General Counsel, Montefiore Medical Center from 1983 to 1987; Corporate Counsel at North American Corporation from 1981 to 1983; and Staff Attorney, The Legal Aid Society Juvenile Rights Division from 1978 to 1981.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the staff of The Museum of Modern Art, the preeminent modern art institution in the world. I eagerly anticipate working with the museum team as it embarks on an expansion that will better enable it to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century," said Ms. Lipshutz. "I particularly look forward to working with the members of the Board of Trustees, Director Glenn Lowry, and the outstanding staff, especially the consummate legal team already in place in the General Counsel's office."

Ms. Lipshutz received her J.D. from the New England School of Law in 1977 and her B.A. from the State University of New York at Albany in 1973. She was admitted to the New York State bar in 1978.

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