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**LAW DEPARTMENT WORKERS' COMP CHIEF  
IS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF  
NEW YORK SELF INSURERS ASSOCIATION**

***JOHN SWEENEY IS A 20-YEAR VETERAN OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT  
AND ONE OF THE "STATE'S LEADING EXPERTS ON WORKERS' COMP LAW"***

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New York, Jan. 15, 2009 – John Sweeney, Chief of the New York City Law Department's Workers' Compensation Division, was elected Chairman of the New York Self Insurers Association (NYSIA) at the Association's annual meeting today. He will serve through 2010.

NYSIA is an 85-year-old, not-for-profit organization that works to keep its member businesses informed of important developments in the increasingly complex area of self-insurance, while promoting and protecting their vital interests. The organization follows pending legislation, changes in the law, new regulations, and other issues relating to self-insurance and advocates on matters pertaining to the creation, passage and administration of relevant laws and for administrative improvements with the Workers' Compensation Board.

"I'm honored to serve as Chairman of NYSIA, an organization that has long been a vital voice on behalf of New York businesses who self insure," Sweeney said. "I intend to be a passionate advocate for the group and its interests."

Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel for the City of New York, said: "John is one of the state's leading experts in Workers' Compensation law and an outstanding candidate for this role. His 20-year career with the Law Department has been marked by professionalism and longstanding dedication to Workers' Compensation issues. I am confident that he will perform exceptionally well as Chairman."

Cardozo also spoke at the group's meeting today, highlighting John's experience and discussing the larger issue of "Past Accomplishments -- and Future Challenges -- for the City." *[Editor's Note: You can see the speech on the Law Department's Web Site at [nyc.gov/law](http://nyc.gov/law) under 2009 Speeches.]*

John Sweeney is currently the Chief of the New York City Law Department, Workers' Compensation Division. The Division has nearly 100 employees and administers an average 17,000 new workers' compensation claims each year. He joined the Law Department in 1989 as an Assistant Corporation Counsel and held the position of Deputy Division Chief from 1994 until 2002.

Sweeney is a member of the New York City Bar Association, where he has served on its Committees on Insurance Law and Health Law. He is a member of the New York County Lawyers' Association, where he has served on its Workers' Compensation Committee. He served as President the New York Claim Association from 2007-2008 and is currently a member of the New York State Advisory Committee on Self Insurance.

The New York City Law Department is one of the oldest, largest and most dynamic law offices in the world, ranking among the top three largest law offices in New York City and the top three largest public

law offices in the country. Tracing its roots back to the 1600's, the Department has an active caseload of 90,000 matters and transactions in 17 legal divisions. The Corporation Counsel heads the Law Department and acts as legal counsel for the Mayor, elected officials, the City and all its agencies. The Department's 690 attorneys represent the City on a vast array of civil litigation, legislative and legal issues and in the criminal prosecution of juveniles. For more information, please visit [nyc.gov/law](http://nyc.gov/law).

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