

# Announcement

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## LICONY Announces New Executive Committee and Board of Director Members

### *Gretchen Cepek Appointed Secretary-Treasurer Allie Lin Appointed to Board of Directors*

Albany, NY, March 29, 2023 – The Life Insurance Council of New York (LICONY) has appointed Gretchen Cepek as Secretary-Treasurer and Allie Lin to the Board of Directors. Ms. Cepek is the Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary at Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America and the Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Secretary at Allianz Life Insurance Company of New York. Ms. Lin is Executive Vice President and General Counsel at Brighthouse Financial.

"We are pleased to welcome Allie to the LICONY Board of Directors and are honored to have Gretchen join the Executive Committee as Secretary-Treasurer," said LICONY President and CEO Richard A. Loconte. "Their experience and knowledge of the life insurance industry, specifically as it relates to New York law and regulation, will be invaluable as we continue to work with all stakeholders to build a positive business climate in New York State."

Ms. Cepek serves as the chief legal officer and secretary of Allianz Life Insurance Company of New York. In her role, she leads all the company's legal matters, serving the best interests of the company, its customers, and its distribution. She is the legal adviser for the executive management team and oversees litigation, corporate governance, product development, special investigations, regulatory matters, ethics, compliance, and government relations.

In her role at Brighthouse Financial, Ms. Lin is responsible for all legal, compliance, and corporate governance affairs, leading the Legal Department. Ms. Lin also serves as Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee on the Charlotte Center for Legal Advocacy Board of Directors, as well as a volunteer tutor in Charlotte-area public elementary schools.

### **About the Life Insurance Council of New York**

LICONY is the trade association representing the life insurance industry doing business in New York State. LICONY's 54 domestic and 21 nondomestic member companies together provide the majority of life, disability income, long-term care insurance, and annuity benefits for New Yorkers. LICONY is governed by a 16-member Board of Directors that meets at least four times a year.

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