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## Leadership Maryland Announces 2017 Officers and Directors

*Pamela Ruff, John Wasilisin, Derryck Fletcher, Sean Looney, and Susan Simmons join board of directors*

**Annapolis, Md. (March 22, 2017)** – Leadership Maryland, the professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders, announces the election of its officers and board of directors for the coming year.

Re-elected to their official roles are Chair **Eric Brotman, CFP '09**, president and managing principal of Brotman Financial Group; Vice Chair **Dr. Memo F. Diriker '12**, director of BEACON at Salisbury University; Secretary **Howard S. Freedlander '05**; and Treasurer **Jeanne Forrester Singer, Esq. & CPA '07**, Attorney at Law with the Law Offices of Jeanne F. Singer.

Leadership Maryland's newly elected directors are: **Pamela J. Ruff '98**, executive director of the Maryland Economic Development Association (MEDA); and **John M. Wasilisin '05**, President and COO of the Maryland Technology Development Corp. (TEDCO). In addition, **Derryck Fletcher**, Vice President, Youth Development, Y in Central Maryland; **Sean M. Looney '96**, Vice President-Government Affairs at Comcast; and **Susan C. Simmons '06**, Director of Parks and Recreation for Caroline County, have also joined the board as representatives of Maryland Leadership Workshops, which became a division of Leadership Maryland in January 2017.

**Kimberly A. Clark '09**, Executive Vice President of Baltimore Development Corporation; **Ranjit "Ron" S. Dhindsa, Esq. '04**, Partner at Hollingsworth LLP; and **Bonnie Marie Green '07**, Executive Director of The Patuxent Partnership, were re-elected as directors for second consecutive terms.

"At Leadership Maryland, we are fortunate to have so many dedicated members who choose to remain actively involved in our organization after they graduate from our program," said Renée Winsky '05, Leadership Maryland president and CEO. "We have once again assembled a strong board of outstanding individuals who are committed to growing our organization to better nurture our state's business and community leaders."

For more information about Leadership Maryland or program application information, please visit [www.leadershipmd.org](http://www.leadershipmd.org) or call 410-841-2101.

### About Leadership Maryland

Leadership Maryland is a professional development program dedicated to building a better Maryland by harnessing the strength of its local business and community leaders. Each year, as many as 52 diverse and accomplished executives from Maryland's public and private sectors are selected to come together as a class for an eight-month hands-on learning program focused on the state's most vital social, economic and environmental issues. The first Leadership Maryland class graduated in 1993, and the organization's alumni network now consists of more than 1,000 leaders from all industries and regions of the state. To learn more, please call Leadership Maryland at 410-841-2101 or visit [www.LeadershipMD.org](http://www.LeadershipMD.org).

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