



## **IOLA Fund Names Licha Nyiengo As Its Next General Counsel**

The IOLA Fund of the State of New York is pleased to announce the appointment of Licha Nyiengo as its next General Counsel, replacing Christine M. Fecko who was recently appointed as IOLA's Executive Director. Ms. Nyiengo will assume her position on September 9, 2024.

Ms. Nyiengo brings 24 years of experience as an attorney in non-profit organizations, government, and the private sector. Her most recent position was as the Chief Legal Officer of Human Rights First, a non-profit organization that provides legal representation to asylum seekers and promotes human rights around the globe. In that role, she expanded the organization's impact litigation program from immigration matters to include civil rights cases.

Previously, Ms. Nyiengo held various roles in New York State government. She was Commissioner for the New York State Division of Human Rights, where she oversaw agency operations across twelve offices. She also served as the Deputy Special Counsel for Public Integrity in the Office of the Governor.

She formerly served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of New York for eight years where she was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Civil Rights Unit. As a federal prosecutor, she was trial counsel on several noteworthy criminal matters, including sex trafficking and forced labor cases.

Early in her career, Ms. Nyiengo was an Associate at Sidley Austin LLP. Ms. Nyiengo clerked for the Hon. Theodore A. McKee, United States Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She also clerked for the Hon. George B. Daniels, United States District Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Ms. Nyiengo graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelor of Arts degree and received her J.D. from Duke University School of Law.