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MAYOR GIULIANI NOMINATES MATTHEW W. DAUS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION  
Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani announced the nomination of Matthew W. Daus, Esq. as Chairman of the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) at a City Hall ceremony, held Tuesday, July 17, 2001. Mr. Daus’ nomination is subject to confirmation by the New York City Council. Mr. Daus will succeed Diane McGrath-McKechnie, who retired from the post on July 1, 2001.

“I am pleased to nominate Matthew Daus as Chairman of the Taxi and Limousine Commission,” Mayor Giuliani said. “As Counsel to the Commission, Matthew drafted, orchestrated and implemented regulations that established and enhanced safety standards and licensing criteria for TLC owners and drivers. I am confident that as Chairman, Matthew will build upon the taxi industry reforms he has already spearheaded.”

“I am truly honored by the Mayor’s nomination and look forward to working with the City Council through the appointment process,” Mr. Daus said. “The Mayor’s leadership has made the TLC’s regulated industries safer, more courteous and consumer friendly. As TLC Chairman, it would be my mission to continue the historic progress made during the Giuliani Administration.”

Since 1998, Mr. Daus has served as General Counsel and Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs for the TLC. Prior to this position, Mr. Daus served as Special Counsel to the TLC Chairperson. During his tenure, he effectuated management and policy-related reforms that streamlined operations, improved customer service, and achieved significant productivity gains.

Mr. Daus began his legal career in private practice as a litigator specializing in tort law. He joined City government in 1994 as a Prosecutor for the New York City Commission on Human Rights, where he represented the agency in the prosecution and mediation of discrimination complaints in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodation. Thereafter, he was appointed General Counsel of the New York City Community Development Agency (CDA), now known as the Department of Youth and Community Development, where he supervised all procurement activities relating to government anti-poverty funding and social service contracts awarded to community organizations.

After serving at the CDA, Mr. Daus was appointed Special Counsel to the New York City Trade Waste Commission, where he was responsible for assisting in the formation of this newly created agency designed to eliminate corruption within the private sanitation industry.

Mr. Daus received a Masters of Law degree from New York University School of Law and his Juris Doctor degree from Touro School of Law. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Business Law at the City University of New York and has published numerous legal articles in prestigious journals and periodicals.

In addition to his professional endeavors, Mr. Daus is involved with several community groups and not-for-profit organizations, including CURE - Community Understanding for Racial and Ethnic Equality.

Mr. Daus resides in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn with his wife Charisse.