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# Shaker Museum

## **SHAKER MUSEUM NAMES J. D. WEINBERG AND KENNETH KRAMER TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

*J. D. Weinberg and Kenneth Kramer Bring Decades of Legal and Corporate Governance  
Experience to Shaker Museum Board During a Period of Rapid Growth*

**CHATHAM, NEW YORK. MARCH 10, 2022** – Shaker Museum, which stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives, announced today the appointment of J. D. Weinberg and Kenneth Kramer to its Board of Trustees. Shaker Museum's Board of Trustees now has sixteen members. Both new members are from the Columbia County community and bring decades of legal and corporate governance experience to the board during a period of rapid growth for the cultural institution.

"I am delighted to welcome both J. D. Weinberg and Kenneth Kramer to the Board of Trustees of Shaker Museum. We have assembled a board of dedicated individuals who believe in the mission and the future of this organization. J. D. and Ken bring valuable expertise and will be dynamic thought partners and leaders as we move into this exciting new phase for the museum. I am so pleased to be working with them," said Paul Cassidy, Board Chair of Shaker Museum.

"It is a great honor to be able to serve on the Board of Trustees for Shaker Museum during this critical time. The organization is in the midst of creating a new cultural anchor for the region, one that will share the Shaker story and provide programming and service to our local community and visitors alike. I am excited and energized about all that we will accomplish," noted J. D. Weinberg.

“Shaker Museum is an integral part of the Columbia County community. The museum stewards a collection that tells a great American story that unfolded right here. I am so pleased to be able to play a part in building a future for this organization and I cannot wait to get to work,” commented Kenneth Kramer.

J. D. Weinberg is a Partner at Covington & Burling LLP, and leads the law firm’s Mergers & Acquisition group. He has been advising companies on their most important strategic transactions for over thirty years, including domestic and cross-border transactions, acquisitions of public companies, private equity transactions, and strategic investments. Weinberg is a member of the Committee on Mergers, Acquisitions and Proxy Contests of the New York City Bar Association. He has been consistently recognized as a leading M&A lawyer by *Chambers USA*, *Legal 500 US*, and *New York Super Lawyers*. Weinberg serves on the Advisory Board of Young New Yorkers, which runs arts-based diversion programs to court-involved young people in New York City. He is also a member of the Board of Visitors of the Department of History of Columbia University.

Kenneth Kramer is an independent arbitrator and mediator. Previously, he was a Partner with Shearman & Sterling. He was with the firm for thirty years and during the course of his tenure he served as the Co-Chairman of the Litigation Department and was on the Management Committee. Earlier in his career, he was an Associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and served as a Law Clerk in the Eastern District of New York. He earned his J.D. from Albany Law School at Union University, where he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review. He earned his A.B. from Colgate University. He is Chairman of the board of Sheltering Arms Children and Family Services, one of New York City’s largest child welfare agencies, and the Chairman Emeritus of the Music for Life International. He also serves on the boards of International House, Healing Communities Network, and Berkshire Opera Festival. He has been recognized with awards by *Chambers USA* and *New York Super Lawyers*.

### **About Shaker Museum**

With more than 18,000 objects, Shaker Museum stewards the most comprehensive collection of Shaker material culture and archives. It is the leader nationwide among organizations devoted to Shaker history. Its permanent new facility in Chatham, NY designed by Selldorf Architects is estimated for completion in 2025. The museum also stewards the historic site in

New Lebanon, New York and has a campus in Old Chatham, New York, which is open year-round by appointment, where the administrative offices, collections, library, and archives are housed. The museum's collection can be viewed online <http://shakermuseum.us>.

**Photos of J. D. Weinberg and Kenneth Kramer may be downloaded [here](#).**

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