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Valerie Faeth, Robert James elected to Pittsburgh Opera's Board of Directors

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Valerie Faeth and Robert James were unanimously elected to serve three year terms on Pittsburgh Opera's Board of Directors. Their terms run through June, 2019.



Valerie Faeth

An attorney with [Cohen & Grigsby](#), Ms. Faeth is a Director in their Employment Litigation, Labor and Employment, and Workers' Compensation Practice Groups. A graduate of both [Bowling Green State University](#) and [Duquesne University School of Law](#), she has been selected by her peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America in the field of Labor and Employment.

She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the [Arsenal Family & Children's Center](#), which promotes the healthy development of children and provides support for their parents through a diversity of programs and partnerships with other community agencies. In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors for [Baptist Homes Society](#), an organization that promotes and supports the quality of senior living.

In his current role with [Highmark](#) as a Program Manager for Supplier Diversity, Robert James develops, implements and manages dynamic and comprehensive supplier diversity initiatives to further enhance diverse supplier talent within the company supply chain. A former attorney with the [U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission](#), Mr. James advised on issues related to supplier and talent diversity, and developed comprehensive outreach plans to inform diverse communities of new funding company rules.

After earning his Bachelor's degree from [Boston College](#), Mr. James earned a Doctor of Law degree from the [Georgetown University Law Center](#), as well as both an MBA and MHA from the [University of Pittsburgh](#). He is also a member of the board of directors of the [Riverside Center for Innovation](#), an organization which helps entrepreneurs and small business owners start and grow their businesses.



Robert James

"We are delighted that Val and Bob have joined Pittsburgh Opera's Board of Directors", said Pittsburgh Opera General Director Christopher Hahn. "Their experience strengthens our deep talent pool. We are excited for their contributions, and are glad that they have chosen to dedicate their time to helping Pittsburgh Opera grow."

Pittsburgh Opera celebrates its 78th season in 2016-17. Established by five intrepid women in 1939, Pittsburgh Opera is viewed as one of the most vibrant opera organizations in the U.S., with a rich artistic tradition, outstanding educational programs, an acclaimed artist training program, and a progressive outlook toward the future. Its green initiative culminated in LEED® Silver certification for its Strip District headquarters, and its capacity as a true community partner has increased significantly under General Director Christopher Hahn's leadership.

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