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### **United Arts Council Elects Four New Board Members**

- **Allison Cohan, Attorney, Williams Mullen**
- **Diane Kuehn, President & CEO, VisionPoint Marketing**
- **Mark J. Prak, Attorney, Brooks Pierce**
- **Mark Steward, Broker/Realtor, Mark Steward Team**

[Raleigh, N.C.] – United Arts is proud to announce that four new members have been added to its Board of Directors for the 2017-18 fiscal year. These members were elected to the board because they possess creative ideas and unique skills that will help United Arts Council build upon fundraising and community initiatives to benefit the arts throughout Wake County. Eleanor H. Oakley, President and CEO of United Arts, said, “This new group of directors is a wonderful addition to our organization. They will help us work to make the arts accessible to everyone in Wake County—everyday in all our lives, in our children's education and in business environments.”

Meet the newest members of United Arts Council's Board of Directors:



**Allison Cohan**, an attorney with Williams Mullen, represents clients in complex business and employment litigation matters in both state and federal courts. Allison also counsels employers of all sizes when they need employment advice. Allison’s undergraduate degree is in modern dance and, prior to becoming a lawyer, she worked in arts management. Allison recently served as a grant panelist for United Arts.



**Diane Kuehn** is president and CEO of VisionPoint Marketing, an integrated marketing agency that helps colleges, universities and community colleges meet their admissions, branding, fundraising and communication goals. VisionPoint Marketing has recently been recognized as in top 5 Best Employer in North Carolina. An alumna of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Diane founded VisionPoint Marketing in 2001 after holding numerous executive sales and marketing positions. She’s worked with Cox Communications, SourceLink and ADVO (now Valassis) - the country’s largest direct marketing firm - among other respected organizations.



**Mark J. Prak**, a partner at Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard LLP, has practiced law in Wake County for some 37 years. He represents media and other companies in a wide range of fora, from Congress and the NC legislature to federal and state courts. He has had a long-standing interest in the arts, and regularly supports local artists. One of his favorite places to visit art galleries is Canyon Road in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mark and his wife, Robin, reside in Raleigh, and have three children and two grandchildren.



**Mark Steward** is the owner of Mark Steward Team, an International Real Estate firm with a focus on the Triangle and Caribbean living and Jet Set Tourism, a luxury travel agency. Mark has resided throughout the USA and has loved living in the Triangle for the past 15 years. Mark has served on the Executive Committee for the Miss North Carolina Scholarship Pageant for the past 5 years and volunteers as needed with the Wake County School Arts programs. He presently serves on the Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? steering committee and hosted a dinner last year.

*The United Arts Council of Raleigh and Wake County, based in Raleigh, NC, was incorporated in 1990. Our mission is to build better communities through the support and advocacy of the arts. For the 2016/17 school year United Arts helped bring in teaching artists to 142 schools in Wake County through its Artists in Schools program. The United Arts Council also offers grants to organizations, communities and individual artists and provides services to the community such as advocacy, resource development, professional/leadership development and special projects. The grants, programs and services of United Arts reach over 1.2 million people annually in Wake County.*

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