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**JEWELERS' SECURITY ALLIANCE ELECTS  
CEO OF ROLEX WATCH USA AS NEW CHAIRPERSON**

New York, NY – On Saturday, January 9, 2016, the Jewelers' Security Alliance held its Annual Luncheon at the Harmonie Club in New York for 150 supporters and industry leaders. At the luncheon it was announced that the JSA Board had elected Stewart E. B. Wicht, CEO of Rolex Watch USA, to a three-year term as Chairperson, following Adam Heyman's successful three-year tenure.

John Kennedy, President of JSA, said, "During the five years he has served on the JSA Board, Stewart has been incredibly generous of his time, interest and support of JSA. He has a hands-on concern for the safety and security of the industry, and especially for the firms that are Official Rolex Jewelers. Rolex is arguably the most well-known and important brand in the diamond, jewelry and watch industry, and JSA is honored to have Stewart serve as Chairperson."

Newly-elected to the JSA Board was Kevin Valentine, Senior Vice President of Audit, Loss Prevention and Risk Management at Signet Jewelers. Valentine is a leading expert on loss prevention for jewelers, and has worked cooperatively with JSA for nearly 30 years during his service at Signet.

Re-elected to new three-year terms were Patti J. Geolat of Geolat Companies; Steven P. Kaiser of Kaiser Time; Mark Smelzer of JCK; and David Tearle of GIA. Continuing in their terms are: David J. Bonaparte of Jewelers of America; Marc Green of Lux, Bond and Green; Mark Udell of London Jewelers; David Cornstein of Circa; Adam Heyman of Oscar

Heyman & Brothers; Alan Kleinberg of Eloquence; Sheldon Kwiat of Kwiat; and David Sexton of Jewelers Mutual.

At the luncheon JSA presented the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Industry Service Award to David J. Sexton, Vice President for Loss Prevention Consulting at Jewelers' Mutual Insurance Company, and the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual James B. White Law Enforcement Award to Senior Special Agent James K. Liscinsky of the U. S. Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Scott Murphy, CEO of Jewelers Mutual Insurance Company, gave a speech at the luncheon praising Mr. Sexton on his award, and commenting on the successful 30-years partnership in crime prevention of JSA and Jewelers Mutual. He pointed out that the year of JSA's founding, 1883, was also the date of many other noteworthy events from history, including the completion of the Brooklyn Bridge

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*The Jewelers' Security Alliance (JSA) is a non-profit trade association providing crime prevention information and services to the jewelry industry. JSA, founded in 1883, has 20,000 member locations and works closely with the FBI and law enforcement agencies.*