Washington, D. C. April 6, 1967. Stoddard M. Stevens, a partner in the New York law firm of Sullivan and Cromwell, has been elected a General Trustee of the National Gallery of Art, it was announced today by Paul Mellon, President of the Gallery.

Mr. Stevens will fill the unexpired term of John Nichol Irwin II who resigned to become Special Representative of the United States for Inter Oceanic Canal Negotiations with the rank of Ambassador.

The other General Trustees of the National Gallery are Paul Mellon, John Hay Whitney, Lessing Rosenwald, and Franklin D. Murphy. In addition there are four ex officio Trustees--the Chief Justice of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Stevens, who lives in Short Hills, New Jersey, did his undergraduate work at Cornell University and received his law degree from Columbia University Law School. He is a Trustee of the Avalon Foundation, the Old Dominion Foundation, and the Center for Hellenic Studies in Washington, D. C. He is a Director of Babcock and Wilcox Co., and is a former Trustee of the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh, Pa. For over 10 years he has served as Special Counsel of the National Gallery of Art.