

## **Union Leader Named to Spitzer Transition Group**

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NEW YORK, Nov. 20 -- **Larry Flanagan Jr.**, President of the 24,000-member, New York State Correction Officer Union (**NYSCOPBA**), has been named to Governor-Elect Eliot Spitzer's Policy Advisory Committee for Criminal Justice. The group is one of 13 teams created to help guide the incoming governor's transition efforts.

"It's a breath of fresh air to have a governor who understands how vital organized labor is to rebuilding New York's middle-class," said Flanagan, whose union worked closely with Spitzer throughout the election.

"Given the scale of his victory, Governor-Elect Spitzer has a clear mandate to tackle law enforcement issues which are important to our organization and to New York State," Flanagan said, adding, "This is the first time anyone from the Correction ranks has been a member of the Criminal Justice Development Committee."

"The bottom line is that Governor-Elect Eliot Spitzer believes we have a responsibility to work together as New Yorker's and as union members and I look forward to joining with others in helping him craft an agenda that can help transform that belief into action and bringing my members issues to the committee."

# Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Committee

**Co-Chair: Kristine Hamann**, Executive Assistant District Attorney (NYC). Hamann has served under Robert M. Morgenthau in the New York County District Attorney's Office since 1998. She is in charge of Legislative Affairs, the office budget, Planning and Management, Community Affairs, arrest to arraignment issues, as well as other criminal justice policy matters. Prior to this position, she was the Deputy Chief of the Trial Division in charge of the Criminal Court, Director of Training and Deputy Bureau Chief of the Career Criminal Bureau.

**Co-Chair: Denise E. O'Donnell**, Partner, Hodgson Russ LLP (Buffalo). O'Donnell most recently ran for NY Attorney General in the Democratic primary. She was Vice-Chair of United States Attorney General Janet Reno's Advisory Committee in Washington D.C. where she was a member of the Investigations & Intelligence, Northern Border and Civil Rights sub-committees. O'Donnell was a career Federal prosecutor for 17 years and played a key role in the investigation of Timothy McVeigh for the bombing of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City and in the prosecution of James Kopp for the murder of Dr. Barnett Slepian, a provider of reproductive services.

**Daniel Alonso** - Partner, Kaye Scholer LLP; Chief, Criminal Division US Attorney, Office for Eastern District of NY

**Ken Brynien** - President, Public Employees Federation

**Zachary W. Carter** - Partner, Dorsey & Whitney LLP; Former US Attorney for the Eastern District of NY

**Maureen Casey** - Vice President, Giuliani Partners; Former Deputy Director of Department of Criminal Justice Services; Former Deputy Commissioner for Policy at NYPD

**Lee Clary** - Retired Court Judge, Jefferson County; District Attorney of Jefferson County

**Dan DeFedericis** - President, New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association

**John Dunne** - Senior Council, Whitman, Osterman and Hanna; Former NYS Senator; Former Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights in the Department of Justice

**Edwin "Eddie" Ellis** - Former President of the Community Justice Center Inc.

**Larry Flanagan Jr.** – President , The New York State Correction Officers Police Benevolent Association

**Robert Gangi** - Executive Director, The Correctional Association of NY

**Thomas Giovanni** - Supervising Attorney, Harlem Neighborhood Defender Service

**Jonathan E. Gradess** - Executive Director, NYS Defenders Association

**Mike Jacobson** - President, Vera Institute for Justice; Former NYC Corrections Commissioner

**Dr. John Klofas** - Chair Person, Criminal Justice Department, Rochester Institute of Technology; Director of Public Safety Initiatives, Rochester

**Stanley Kreitman** - Chairman, NYC Board of Corrections; Chair, Crime Stoppers of Nassau County

**Loretta Lynch** - Partner, Hogan & Hartson LLP; Former Assistant US Attorney for the Eastern District of New York

**Pat Lynch** - President, New York City's Patrolmen's Benevolent Association

**Jose Maldonado** - Jose Maldonado - Vice President of Operations for the New York Health Plan, United Health Group; Former Deputy Attorney General and Former Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, Office of the NYS State Attorney General; Former Head of NYC Business Integrity Commission; Former Head of NYC Department of Juvenile Justice

**John P. McCaffrey** - Federal Security Director, Rochester, Transportation Security Administration; Former US Marshall for WDNY and New York State Policeman

**William Morange** - Deputy Executive Director and Director of Security, MTA; Former Chief of Patrol for the NYPD

**Alexander Papachristou** - Senior Consultant, NCH Capital Inc.; Vice Chair of the Correctional Association; Chairperson of Beginning with Children Foundation; Board member, Legal Service for Children

**John Prichard** - Former First Deputy Commissioner, NYPD; Former Inspector General, MTA; Former FBI; Former Police Chief for Mount Vernon

**Howard Reslin** - Professor, Rochester Institute of Technology; Former Monroe County District Attorney; Former President of the NYS District Attorney's Association

**Mitch Rosenthal** - Director, Phoenix House

**Christopher Stone** - Professor of Criminal Justice, Harvard Kennedy School of Government; Director of Vera Institute of Justice, NYC

**Mindy Tarlow** - Executive Director and CEO, Center for Employment Opportunities

**Jeremy Travis** - President, John Jay College; Former Director of National Institute of Justice under President Clinton; Former Deputy Commissioner on Legal Matters for NYPD

**Cyrus R. Vance Jr.** - Partner, Morvillo, Abramowitz, Grand, Iason, Anello and Bohrer, PC; Former Assistant District Attorney, New York County District Attorney's Office

**Meredith Wiley** - State Director, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids NY

**Christina Ziemba** - Chief of Police, Town of Cheektowaga Police Department