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Martin Horn, was appointed by Mayor Bloomberg to serve as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Probation effective Jan. 1, 2002. A year later Mayor Bloomberg appointed him to simultaneously serve as Commissioner of the New York City Department of Correction, the nation's largest jail system. Since becoming Probation Commissioner, he has reengineered the Department by focusing on high-risk offenders, improving the delivery of treatment for addiction to alcohol and other drugs, employment of offenders, improving the Department's IT capacity, and streamlining the probation violation process. Under his leadership all sentenced inmates leaving the City's jails are afforded meaningful discharge planning assistance and the opportunity to find a job immediately upon release. He has remade the intake process to insure all inmates possess the documents needed to work upon release, he has created systems to identify high frequency jail and shelter users and worked with the City's housing and homeless services community to address the needs for housing of discharged inmates. Prior to his return to New York, Commissioner Horn served as a member of Governor Tom Ridge's Senior Staff as Secretary of Administration for the state of Pennsylvania. Commissioner Horn is an adjunct professor at John Jay College.

Glenn Martin is the Co-Director of the Legal Action Center's National H.I.R.E. Network, a national clearinghouse for information and an advocate for policy change on issues related to the employment of people with criminal records. Mr. Martin served as the Program Manager on the national employment discrimination project (*Discrimination in Low Wage Labor Markets*) conducted by Devah Pager and Bruce Western of Princeton University, which measured race and criminal conviction, related discrimination the New York City entry-level labor market. Prior to joining the Legal Action Center, Mr. Martin spent three years as the Assistant Program Coordinator at Consortium College in Buffalo, one of the only surviving male prison college programs in New York State.

Leonard Marks has a long and distinguished career in community corrections. He worked for 30 years at the New York State Division of Parole where he started as a parole officer and concluded the last 14 years of his tenure as a Bureau Chief for Brooklyn. As Bureau Chief, he created, operated, and ran several important initiatives including the domestic

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