

## ***Dora Schriro: Assistant Commissioner first, later Commissioner***



***Commissioner Dora B. Schriro announces honorees at Medal Day 2011 podium.***

The resume of the current NYC Department of Correction Commissioner and those of previous NYC DOC Commissioners make for impressive reading. Among those whose credentials are breathtaking must be counted Dr. Dora B. Schriro (Ph Ds in law and teaching), who headed the Correction agency 2009 to 2014 during Mayor Bloomberg's administration.

An earlier appointment to NYC DOC as Assistant Commissioner for Programs Services, from 1985 to 1989 (in the Koch administration), put her in charge of overseeing,

among other programs, work release for pre-trial and city-sentenced inmates.

After leaving her NYC DOC Commissionership, she became the Commissioner of the Connecticut Dept. of Emergency Services and Public Protection from 2014 through 2018, overseeing six state agencies including the Connecticut State Police and Homeland Security and Emergency Management. She served concurrently as Connecticut's Homeland Security Advisor from 2016 through 2018.

Prior to her NYC DOC Commissionership, Schriro had been Senior Advisor to DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention and Removal, and the founding Director of the ICE Office of Detention Policy and Planning in 2009. At the invitation of DHS Secretary Jeh Johnson, she also served in 2015 and 2016 as a member of the DHS Advisory Committee on Family Residential Facilities and co-authored its report.

Also prior to NYC DOC, she was the Commissioner of the St. Louis City Division of Corrections, Missouri, which included the St. Louis Police Department Prison Intake Facility, from 2001 to 2003; and was also the warden of the Medium Security Institution, from 1989 to 1993.

Schriro was the director of two state correctional systems: the Missouri Department of Corrections, which encompassed state prisons, probation, and parole, from 1993 to 2001; and the Arizona Department of Corrections, which encompassed state prisons and parole, from 2003 to 2009.

Additionally, Schriro was a member of the adjunct faculties of University of Missouri-St. Louis Department of Criminology from 1990 to 1998, St. Louis University School of Law from 2000 to 2002, and Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law from 2005 to 2008, teaching graduate-level Criminology and Correctional Law courses and led sentencing seminars. She has served continuously on the Women's Refugee Commission since 2012, and the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Immigration since 2014.

The lists of her honors and her publications as well as her list of city, state, national, and international governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations which have called on her expertise are simply too long to detail here.

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