

Martin F. Horn: From Parole Officer to Parole-Correction Commissioner

NYC Mayor Bloomberg announced December 26, 2002 that Martin F. Horn, the Probation commissioner, would become the Correction commissioner as well the following next week

“He is a known quantity, having done a superb job in the administration,” Bloomberg said at City Hall. The mayor also said he would seek to merge the Probation and Correction departments.

Horn, who began his career 33 years earlier as a state parole officer, said: “Organizations respond to leadership, and I intend to lead.”



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He had been appointed by Mayor Bloomberg to serve as Commissioner of NYC Probation, Jan. 1, 2002. A year later Mayor Bloomberg appointed him to simultaneously serve as Commissioner of the city’s jail system. He held both positions simultaneously until July 31, 2009.

Horn served, from March 1995 until January 2000, as Pennsylvania’s Secretary of Corrections. Prior to his return to his home state of New York, he served as a member of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge’s Senior Staff as Secretary of Administration. He also chaired the state’s Tobacco Settlement Investment Board, the Pennsylvania Employees’ Benefit Trust Fund, the Imagine PA Executive Committee (Enterprise Resource Management), and the JNET Council (Justice Network), and was a board member of the Public School Employees’ Retirement System.

Horn earlier served as executive director and chief operating officer for the NYS Division of Parole, and held a variety of positions within the Department of Correctional Services including Superintendent of Hudson Correctional Facility. He was an assistant professor of criminal justice at SUNY College in Utica from 1975 to 1977.

He has served as co-chair of the American Bar Association Corrections Committee and has chaired the policy and resolutions committees of both the American Correctional Association and the Association of State Corrections Administrators. He is a Commissioner of the Commission on Accreditation for Corrections and a member of the Advisory Board of the New York State Commission on Quality of Care for Persons with Disabilities established by the State’s SHU Exclusion Law.

Martin F. Horn is Distinguished Lecturer in Corrections at the John Jay College, City University of New York and serves as Executive Director of the New York State Sentencing Commission by appointment of the Chief Judge of the State of New York.

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