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DOI APPOINTS JEANENE L. BARRETT AS INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jocelyn E. Strauber, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Investigation (“DOI”), announced today the appointment of Jeanene L. Barrett as the Inspector General (“IG”) for DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD (“OIG-NYPD”). IG Barrett’s 20-plus years of professional experience includes nearly a decade in the field of police oversight and reform in New York City and extensive work in the area of criminal justice, as well as supporting underserved communities in New York City and Chicago, and in particular, children in crisis. IG Barrett came to DOI’s OIG-NYPD in 2019 as the Deputy Inspector General for Policy Analysis and was promoted to First Deputy Inspector General in 2020. As Acting Inspector General since January 2022, she has overseen an array of matters, among them four investigations that resulted in three reports and a Statement of Findings, on topics including the NYPD’s Criminal Group Database and the correlation between NYPD overtime hours and negative policing outcomes.

IG Barrett holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, a Master of Philosophy in Criminal Justice, a Master of Arts in Social Work, and a Master of Science in Human Services Administration. Earlier in her career, she conducted extensive life history investigations as a mitigation specialist handling death penalty cases, examined issues impacting youth in Chicago as a policy consultant and, in connection with her work in the Illinois child welfare system, protected children at risk of abuse and neglect and provided support to families in need.

DOI’s Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD was established in 2014 and was created by Local Law 70, which empowered the DOI Commissioner to “investigate, review, study, audit and make recommendations relating to the operations, policies, programs and practices, including ongoing partnerships with other law enforcement agencies, of the [N]ew [Y]ork [C]ity [P]olice [D]epartment with the goal of enhancing the effectiveness of the [D]epartment, increasing public safety, protecting civil liberties and civil rights, and increasing the public’s confidence in the police force, thus building stronger police-community relations.” Local Law 70 is now a part of Chapter 34 in the New York City Charter, which provides DOI with its charter mandate and authority.

DOI Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said, “Jeanene Barrett has more than 20 years of experience that includes police oversight and accountability, community engagement, and supporting underserved communities. She has distinguished herself as a skilled and dedicated leader in the Office of the Inspector General for the NYPD, advancing complex investigations that have resulted in meaningful recommendations for reform. She has built strong relationships with the NYPD and the community, and she is the right choice to lead this critical Office in the Department of Investigation. I am thankful for her dedication to this work and to this agency, and thrilled to announce her appointment to be Inspector General for the NYPD.”

Inspector General Jeanene Barrett said, “My career has been focused on an array of criminal justice issues that include policing and oversight, as well as how analysis and community engagement play important roles in effecting reform. OIG-NYPD has come far over the past nine years, and I am excited to lead the dynamic team into the future. I am thankful to Commissioner Strauber for this opportunity and am honored to advance this very significant work.”

About Jeanene L. Barrett

Inspector General (IG) Barrett came to DOI's OIG-NYPD in 2019 as the Deputy Inspector General for Policy Analysis and was promoted to First Deputy Inspector General in 2020. She has served as Acting Inspector General for the OIG-NYPD since January 2022 and during that time oversaw numerous investigations, the release of three reports and a Statement of Findings including, "[An Investigation into NYPD's Criminal Group Database](#)" and "[Overtime Under Review: NYPD Overtime and the Increased Risk of Negative Policing Outcomes](#)," as well as two Annual Reports.

Prior to joining DOI, IG Barrett worked for Judicial, Arbitration, and Mediation Services (JAMS) as the Project Manager for the New York City Stop & Frisk Joint Remedial Process. This comprehensive community engagement process resulted in a final report that included 14 recommendations and 12 policy considerations for reforms to the NYPD. She has also conducted extensive life history investigations as a mitigation specialist on death penalty cases and worked as a policy consultant examining issues impacting young people between the ages of six and 24 in the city of Chicago. She began her career in the mid-1990s with the Illinois child welfare system, protecting children who were at risk of abuse or neglect and supporting families in need of assistance.

In addition to her work in New York City and Chicago, since 2003 IG Barrett has taught college courses on topics including criminal justice, policing, statistical methods and qualitative research methods.

IG Barrett holds a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the CUNY Graduate Center - John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She has a Master of Philosophy in Criminal Justice from the CUNY Graduate Center; a Master of Arts in Social Work from the University of Chicago; and a Master of Science in Human Services Administration from Spertus Institute in Chicago. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Administration of Justice from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

A copy of IG Barrett's resume is attached to this release.

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JEANENE L. BARRETT, PHD

Brooklyn, NY

Strategic thought leader with 20+ years of progressively responsible work experience, with expertise in police reform and oversight in New York City. Extensive knowledge of the criminal justice system in general and policing specifically. Entrepreneurial, with proven excellence in effectively leading teams and creating more efficient processes and systems. Expert in building staff capacity through mentorship and coaching, with strong managerial and operational skills.

EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

**OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR NYPD
NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF INVESTIGATION**

2/2019 – Present

Acting Inspector General

1/22 – Present

- Guide all investigative and systemic reviews of various aspects of NYPD policies, practices, and operations.
- Build and maintain relationships with the NYPD, community advocates, academics, other City agency and government officials.
- Manage an office of 18 multidisciplinary, multi-level professionals; developed investigative staffing plans, managed workloads, defined deliverables, conduct performance reviews, and ensure compliance with DOI policies.
- Establish operational plans including a systemic review process, investigative unit plan, access escalation plan, and a recommendation review committee.
- Lead the development of OIG-NYPD policies, protocols, and priorities along with other unit managers.
- Manage the production of all OIG-NYPD reports, including topic finalization, planning and editing.
- Provided executive leadership for the release of seven systemic reports since 2019.
- Ensure alignment with agency wide and squad specific directives by conferring with and providing regular updates to DOI Executives regarding hiring/staffing, investigations and systemic reviews.

First Deputy Inspector General

3/2020 – Present

- Structure and guide the Office's investigations and analyses of various aspects of NYPD policies, practices, and operations. Guide investigative and systemic review teams as an executive reviewer.
- Build and maintain relationships with the NYPD and other City and government officials.
- Supporting the Inspector General by serving as the primary advisor on hiring; staff development; policies, protocols, and priorities; operations and management of systemic and investigative matters.
- Envisioned and created an efficient recruitment and interviewing process, resulting in better aligned and more highly qualified candidates.

- Confer with and provide regular updates to the Inspector General in preparation for biweekly meetings with DOI executives.

Deputy Inspector General - Policy Analysis**2/2019 – 3/2020**

- Build and maintain relationships with the NYPD and other City and government officials.
- Provided management oversight to the Policy Analysis unit including personnel decisions, unit operations, assessing needs, staff development, recruitment, and retention.
- Assisted with the development of the strategic direction and planning related to OIG-NYPD and its policies, protocols, and priorities.
- Provided guidance and executive oversight of ongoing investigations and systemic reviews.
- Developed and implemented a quality review process inclusive of extensive quality control mechanisms.
- Created and implemented an individualized professional development plan process for all staff.
- Conceptualized and implemented a mentee/mentor initiative.

NYC STOP & FRISK JOINT REMEDIAL PROCESS**7/2015 – 5/2018*****(Floyd v. City of New York, Davis v. City of New York, Ligon v. City of New York)*****JAMS – JUDICIAL, ARBITRATION, MEDIATION SERVICES*****Project Manager***

- Led all phases of the data gathering processes including facilitating 64 focus groups, 28 community forums, and 17 leadership meetings.
- Conceptualized, planned, and managed the multi-phase information gathering project (focus group phase, leadership meeting phase, and community forum phase) also known as the Joint Remedial Process.
- Served as senior member of Joint Remedial Process team along with Federal Court appointed Facilitator and Deputy Facilitator.
- Conceptualized focus groups and community forums to engage members of communities most impacted by Stop-and-Frisk.

Prior Experience**INDEPENDENT CONSULTANCY – CAPITAL MITIGATION SPECIALIST****10/2008 – 1/2019***Capital Mitigation Specialist***DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW (CENTER FOR JUSTICE IN CAPITAL CASES)** **3/2008 – 8/2011***Capital Mitigation Specialist and Training Coordinator***CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES****10/2006 – 10/2007***Policy Consultant***JANE ADDAMS HULL HOUSE ASSOCIATION****3/2003 – 9/2006***New Directions Program Manager, 9/2003 – 9/2006**Acting Director of Case Management Services, 3/2003 – 9/2003*

SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SERVICES 11/2000 – 2/2003
Case Management Supervisor

PSI SERVICES, INC. 5/1996 – 11/2000
Training Director, Quality Assurance Manager, Case Manager

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 8/2011 – 8/2013
Research Assistant

- Provided wide range of research, data collection, data management and analysis for complex capital trial database covering 13 years of death penalty trials.

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY – SUNY 12/2008 – 6/2011
Research Coordinator – Capital Jury Project

- Multi-institutional liaison managing communications and joint research initiatives involving consortium of multiple universities.
- Trained and managed research assistants providing broad range of research support and data analysis support.
- Arranged and conducted primary research including face-to-face interviews with capital jurors and secondary research involving literature searches and various sources.
- Managed database coding and entry of collected data and handled data quality controls to ensure accuracy of complex files and records.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BROOKLYN COLLEGE 1/2015 – PRESENT
Adjunct Assistant Professor – Department of Child and Youth Studies

- Teach required program courses: Perspectives on Childhood and Children in Crisis

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE 8/2012 – PRESENT
Adjunct Assistant Professor – M.S. in Criminal Justice Program, 2019 - Present
Adjunct Faculty – Department of Law and Police Science, 2012 – 2018
Chair for Teaching & Professional Development – Doctoral Student Association, 2012 – 2015
Executive Committee – Criminal Justice Ph.D. Program, 2013 – 2014

- Currently teaching graduate level criminology course: Issues in Criminal Justice.
- Taught the following courses as part of the Bachelor of Science program: Introduction to Criminal Justice, and Principles and Methods of Statistics.
- Named to serve on and /or chair various committees and improvement working groups as a student within the PhD Program.

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE 1/2012 – 12/2018
Adjunct Faculty – Department of Criminal Justice

- Taught the following courses: Criminology, Research Methods, Introduction to Criminal Justice, and Corrections

WESTWOOD COLLEGE**10/2003 – 8/2011***Adjunct Faculty – Department of Criminal Justice*

- Taught the following courses: Juvenile Justice, Criminal Justice Administration, Policing in America, Comparative Criminal Justice, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Corrections, Criminology

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIPS

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER – JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Criminal Justice

2020

Dissertation: Living in a world of stop, question and frisk, and trespass enforcement: Black and Latinx youth engaging in police reform in New York City. Committee: V. West (Chair), C. McCoy, D. Jones-Brown, C. Solis

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) – Criminal Justice

2017

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Master of Arts (M.A.) – Social Work

2008

SPERTUS INSTITUTE

Master of Science (M.S.) – Human Services Administration

1998

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY – CARBONDALE

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) – Administration of Justice

1996

Fellowships

CUNY Writing Fellow, 2015 – 2018

Graduate Teaching Fellow, 2012 – 2015

Dean K. Harrison Magnet Fellow, 2012 – 2013

Enhanced Chancellor's Fellow, 2011 – 2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.***Chi Omega Omega Chapter – Chartering Member, 2005**Xi Nu Omega Chapter – Initiation, 1999*

Active member since 1999. Has held several leadership positions within Chi Omega Omega Chapter.

The American Society of Criminology

Attended and presented at Annual Meetings.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Attended and presented at Annual Meetings.

P R E S E N T A T I O N S

Barrett, Jeanene. (2015). Miller v. Alabama: Developing Mitigation for Juveniles with Life Sentences. Presented at Darrow Baldus Defense College, University of Iowa Law School, Iowa City, IA.

Barrett, Jeanene. (2014). Samantha Spade to the Rescue: Cracking Cases with Practical Defense Investigation, NACDL's 2014 Defending Sex Cases Conference – "Zealous Advocacy in Sexual Assault & Child Victim Cases", Las Vegas, NV.

Barrett, Jeanene and Mortimer Smith (2014). Developing Your Client's Life Story, Capital Litigation Training Conference, Wilmington, DE.

Barrett, Jeanene. (2013). Developing the Case for Life: Interviewing Techniques for Mitigation Specialists. Presented at Clarence Darrow Death Penalty Defense College, Chicago, IL.

English, Jodie; Sider, Holly and **Barrett, Jeanene.** (2013). Representing the Difficult Capital Client. Presented at Darrow Death Penalty Defense College, Chicago, IL.

Barrett, Jeanene. (2012). U.S. Death Penalty: comparison to Indonesia. Invited presentation for John Jay College Bali Study Abroad Program, Ubud, Bali.

West, Valerie; Gentry, Kendra and **Barrett, Jeanene.** (2012). Spatial Dependency in American Capital Sentencing, 1977 – 2008. Paper presented at meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New York, NY.

Barrett, Jeanene. (2012). Presumed Guilty: Media's Impact on the Presumption of Guilt for Female Capital Defendants. Paper presented at meeting of Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New York, NY.

Barrett, Jeanene & Smith, Mort. (2010). Interviewing Techniques for Investigators and Mitigation Specialists. Presented at Darrow Death Penalty Defense College, Chicago, IL.

Barrett, Jeanene. (2010). Overview of Capital Mitigation and the Importance of Mitigation in Capital Case. Presented at Clarence Darrow Death Penalty College, Chicago, IL.

Moss, Tony; **Barrett, Jeanene** and McClain, Kevin. (2009). Developing the Capital Team. Presented at Darrow Death Penalty Defense College, Chicago, IL.

Barrett, Jeanene. (2009). Developing Strong Documents (affidavits, status reports, and supplemental status forms). Presented at Darrow Death Penalty Defense College, Chicago, IL.