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Governor-elect Cuomo Appoints Ellen N. Biben Inspector General

Governor-elect Andrew Cuomo today announced the appointment of Ellen Nachtigall Biben as New York State Inspector General. Ms. Biben was appointed Special Deputy Attorney General for Public Integrity in the New York State Attorney General's Office in February 2007 and supervised numerous public fraud and corruption investigations. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Ms. Biben served as an Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office for more than 10 years, the last five years as Deputy Bureau Chief of the Rackets Bureau where she investigated and prosecuted organized crime, money laundering, tax evasion, public corruption and other forms of racketeering.

Previously, Ms. Biben was a litigation associate with Sullivan & Cromwell and a law clerk to the Honorable Alan H. Nevas of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. Ms. Biben received a B.A. from Wesleyan University, where she was captain of the varsity swim team, and a J.D. from the University of Southern California Law Center, where she was executive editor of the Law Review.

"Ellen has an unimpeachable record of integrity and independence and will bring her well-known tenacity fighting crime and sense of basic fairness to this critical position. I am extremely proud that we have assembled a governing team of such remarkable experience, diversity, and integrity and look forward to continuing the work of building our administration," Governor-elect Cuomo said.

"Ms. Biben's resume of dedicated public service underscores her qualifications as the preeminent watchdog of the state's executive branch. She has fought corruption, prosecuted white collar criminals, brought down organized crime operations and held public officials accountable for their abuses of power. She will make an excellent Inspector General and I congratulate Governor-elect Cuomo for making a smart, responsible selection for such an important post," Former Chief Judge of the State of New York Judith M. Kaye said.

"It is my pleasure to see quality rise to the top. As the person who first brought Ellen Biben to public service. I can think of no finer individual to serve as the states inspector general. Her commitment to public service and quality in government is unequalled. You could not find a more qualified person," former Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau said.

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