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Governor Pataki Appoints Schectman to State Ethics Commission

Governor Pataki today announced he has appointed former Criminal Justice Director Paul Schectman to the New York State Ethics Commission for a term that runs through the end of May 1998. He replaces Joseph Bress, who resigned from the Commission.

"I'm very pleased to appoint Paul Schectman to the Ethics Commission," Governor Pataki said. "He was a great Director of Criminal Justice and he'll be an asset to the Ethics Commission.

"His willingness to serve on the Commission is a testament to his commitment to public service," the Governor said. "We will be fortunate to have someone of his caliber working to enforce the highest standards of ethical conduct in state government."

Mr. Schectman served as Director of Criminal Justice and Commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice Services from March 1995 until February of this year. He was Chief of the Criminal Division for the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York from 1993-95. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at Columbia Law School since 1988.

Mr. Shechtman has served as counsel to Robert Morgenthau, Manhattan District Attorney (1987-1993); Chief Appellate Attorney and Chief of the General Crimes Unit for the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York (1981-1985) and law clerk to the Honorable Warren Burger, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court (1979-1980).

Shechtman, a New York city resident, received a bachelor's degree in economics from Swarthmore College, was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he received his master's degree in economics, and received his law degree from Harvard Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude.

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