



Mayor of Providence

Brett P. Smiley

January 13, 2023

Honorable Members
Providence City Council
City Hall

Dear Honorable Members:

Pursuant to Sections 302(b) and 1002 of the Providence Home Rule Charter of 1980, as amended and Public Law, Chapter 45-50, Sections 1 through 31 passed in 1987, I am this day Patricia A. Coyne-Fague, of 36 Jeffrey Drive, North Scituate, RI 02857, to the position of Director of the Department of Public Works, and respectfully submit the same for your approval.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Brett P. Smiley in blue ink.

Brett P. Smiley
Mayor

IN CITY COUNCIL

FEB 02 2023

READ

WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT
THE SAME BE RECEIVED AND APPROVED

Jana L. Mastrosian CLERK

Patricia A. Coyne-Fague, esq.

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BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Rhode Island Bar – November 1994

U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island – May 1997

U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit – 2002

U.S. Supreme Court – May 1998

EDUCATION

New England School of Law, Juris Doctor – May 1993

Rhode Island College, Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude* – May 1990

[*Major: Political Science. Minor: Philosophy*]

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Executive Education Hassenfeld Scholarship recipient - Awarded a certificate of completion for “Leadership Decision Making,” - June 2015

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

January 2018- present: Director, RI Department of Corrections. 40 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. The Director’s responsibilities are delineated in RIGL §42-56-10 *Powers of the Director*; the Director is ultimately responsible for all aspects of the operation of the Department of Corrections. The Department of Corrections is a unified system, meaning our pre-trial and sentenced population are housed on the same “campus.” Approximately 13,000 individuals come through the Adult Correctional Institutions’ “jail,” the Intake Service Center, in a given year. In addition to the approximately 3000 inmates incarcerated at the ACI, the RIDOC is responsible for the supervision of all offenders on probation or parole in the state. The RIDOC has approximately 1400 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$265M. The Director is the appointing authority for the RIDOC. The Director is a member of the Governor’s cabinet, confirmed by the RI Senate.

May 2012 – January 2018: Assistant Director, Administration – RI Department of Corrections 40 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. The Administrative Division is comprised of approximately 90 employees who provide a variety of critical support functions for the Department, and is divided into the following units: Financial Resources, Human Resources, Management Information Systems, Planning & Research, Central Warehouse, Policy, and the Training Academy, all of whom report to the Assistant Director, Administration. Serve as Department’s Building Usage coordinator. Serve as Liaison as part of Incident Command system during critical incidents. Assist with media inquiries. Participate as RIDOC representative at contract negotiations. Work closely with the Governor’s office regarding strategic planning and performance management. Track population capacity at the ACI closely and attend meetings of the Criminal Justice Oversight Commission. Serve as the RIDOC’s Diversity Liaison for hiring and promotion. Serve as Director when Director is out of state.

April 2009 – January 2012: Bail Commissioner (Justice of the Peace) for the RI District Court. Appointed by Acting Chief Judge Michael Higgins and Re-appointed by Chief Judge Jeanne LaFazia. Served Burrillville, Cumberland, Glocester, North Smithfield, Smithfield and Woonsocket police departments. Conducted initial appearances and signed arrest warrants, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §12-10-2. Served as regional coordinator, which entailed acting as liaison between the District Court and designated police departments, and assigning bail commissioner schedules. Resigned upon my promotion to acting Assistant Director of Corrections, as I felt the fact that I would sometimes be serving as the Director of Corrections could place me in a conflict with bail commissioner duties.

December 2004 – May 2012: Chief Legal Counsel – RI Department of Corrections 40 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. Responsible for all aspects of legal representation of the DOC, including appellate arguments before the State and Federal courts. Member of Executive Team; provided counsel to the Director and the administrators of the DOC. Managed a staff of attorneys. Responsible for drafting, proposing and lobbying DOC legislative initiatives. Worked closely with the Governor's Legal and Policy offices. Instructed at Correctional Officer Academy. Liaison between the DOC and the Judiciary, the criminal defense bar, and prosecutors from both State and Federal systems, as well as assisting public and crime victims. Served on the State Council of the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. Received numerous letters of appreciation/commendation. Promoted to Assistant Director in May 2012.

January 2000 – December 2004: Senior Legal Counsel – RI Department of Corrections 40 Howard Avenue, Cranston, RI 02920. Represented the DOC in state and federal courts, labor arbitrations, State Labor Board, Commission for Human Rights, and unemployment compensation Board of Review, in actions involving constitutional rights, personal injury, medical malpractice, contract actions, labor disputes and employee discipline. Argued appeals before the RI Supreme Court. Represented the DOC at State House committee hearings regarding bills proposed by, or opposed by, the DOC. Received numerous letters of appreciation/commendation. Promoted to Chief Legal Counsel in December 2004.

July 1997 – January 2000: Deputy Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit RI Department of the Attorney General – 150 South Main St., Providence, RI 02903 Special Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division. Responsible for all phases of prosecution of abuse, neglect and mistreatment of patients or residents of healthcare facilities and group homes, as well as Medicaid fraud committed by healthcare providers. Duties included supervising investigations; charging and prosecuting cases (arraignments, bail hearings, grand jury, Superior Court trials, RI Supreme Court appeals); and managing staff of investigators and support staff. Participated in training of healthcare workers statewide. Co-organized 1998 National conference on Medicaid Fraud. Spoke as invited guest lecturer at 1999 National Medicaid Fraud Conference. Received awards from two local advocacy groups for work with the developmentally disabled and prosecution of high profile sexual assault case.

December 1994 – July 1997: Family Court Prosecutor/District Court prosecutor RI Department of the Attorney General – 150 South Main St., Providence, RI 02903. Special Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Division. Prosecuted misdemeanor violations and breathalyzer refusal cases while assigned to the District Court unit. Responsible for all phases of in-court prosecution of juvenile offenders, as well as adults charged with child abuse and neglect. Prosecuted first defendant charged in RI with felony failure to pay child support. Involved in community outreach regarding juvenile justice. Received letters of commendation. Promoted to Deputy Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in July 1997.

September 1992 - December 1994: Legal Assistant, Jones Associates 72 South Main St., Providence, RI. Duties included research and writing for law firm specializing in appellate work.

ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received numerous commendations at both the Department of Corrections and the Department of the Attorney General
- Recommended by the RI Judicial Nominating Commission for appointment to the Superior Court bench, in 2011 and 2016

INTERNSHIPS

Summer 1991 - Narcotics unit of RI Department of Attorney General

Summer 1988 - Policy Office of RI Department of Attorney General

Summer 1987 - RI State Bureau of Criminal Identification

March 1987 - Washington, D.C., office of Senator Claiborne Pell

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

RIDOC Correctional Officer Training Academy: Regularly present at to both pre-service and in-service (2018-present)

RI Bar Association – Conceptualized, designed and co-presented a Continuing Legal Education seminar entitled “*Issues of Incarceration*” for members of the RI Bar. (2006)

Rhode Island College - Adjunct professor teaching in undergraduate program – “*Women, Crime & Justice*” (Fall 2003); “*Introduction to Criminal Justice*” (Fall 2004).

CLE presentation: Taught continuing legal education class on incarceration issue to Offices of Attorney General and the Public Defender. (2008, 2009)

RI Correctional Officer Academy – “*Courtroom Demeanor*” (pre-service classes); “*Legal Issues in Corrections*” (in-service classes).

Healthcare seminar – “*Infectious Disease in Prison*” (December 2003).

LaSalle Academy [Pegasus program] – annual guest speaker on “*Corrections*” and “*Juvenile Justice*” (January 2000 – present); **LaSalle Academy [High School]** – guest speaker on “*Jury Selection*” (Fall 1998).

RI Municipal Police Training Academy – guest teacher for class on Juvenile Justice (1996).

National Medicaid Fraud Conference – 1999, Indian Wells, California: invited to present two patient abuse cases I had prosecuted to National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units, and also participated as the prosecutor in a Mock Medicaid Fraud trial.

National Medicaid Fraud Conference – 1998, Newport, RI: wrote and presented lecture on “*The use of videotaped depositions in the prosecution of patient abuse cases.*”

REFERENCES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
