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THE FOLLOWING IS A BROADCAST EMAIL TO ALL OVS FUNDED VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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Dear Colleague:

On September 12, 2013, Governor Cuomo appointed me as the new Director to the Office of Victim Services' (OVS or Office). I joined the Office as its new Director on Monday, September 16, 2013.

I have an extensive background in law and criminal justice. Previously, I was the Director of the Office of Legal Affairs for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and an adjunct professor in the Criminal Justice and Sociology Department at Pace University, teaching the subjects of domestic violence, criminal justice, criminal law and law enforcement ethics. Prior to joining the Second Circuit, I served as an Assistant District Attorney and Deputy Bureau Chief, Westchester County District Attorney's Office where I specialized in the prosecution of domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and sex crimes.

I am a frequent public speaker on legal and administrative topics, including prosecuting domestic violence cases, immigration law, and evidence and have published numerous articles. If it is not posted by the time you receive this notice, my full bio will be available on the public OVS website shortly.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation over the upcoming months as I take the reins of one of the nation's oldest, continuing state victim compensation programs. I am very excited to lead, and work with, the experienced and talented OVS staff and the advocacy community. Be assured that OVS will continue its important mission of faithfully and effectively serving those who have been victimized by violent crime in New York State.

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