

NEW YORK WELFARE FRAUD INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DAVID A. HANSELL



David Hansell is the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA), the state agency charged with oversight of support programs and economic assistance for low-income New Yorkers. Mr. Hansell brings to OTDA a breadth of experience in the development and delivery of social service policy and programs, having most recently served as Chief of Staff of the New York City Human Resources Administration (HRA). In that position, Mr. Hansell assisted in the management of all of the city's Public Assistance programs as well as programs for victims of domestic violence, persons with HIV/AIDS, home care clients and adults in need of protection. Prior to joining HRA, Mr. Hansell served in a range of positions at Gay Men's Health Crisis, including Director of Legal Services and Deputy Director for Government and Public Affairs. From 1997-2001, he was the Associate Commissioner for HIV Services at the New York City Department of Health, and subsequently served as Associate Commissioner for Planning and Program Implementation. From 2000-2006, he was an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the New York University Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. He has also been a consultant on health policy and social services issues to a wide range of governmental and non-profit organizations. Mr. Hansell is a graduate of Haverford College and Yale Law School. He is a recipient of an Outstanding Public Service Award from the New York County Lawyers' Association.

DENISE E. O'DONNELL



Denise E. O'Donnell, a former federal prosecutor and partner with a major Buffalo law firm, is the Commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice Services and, in that role, operates a multi-function criminal justice support agency with a variety of responsibilities, ranging from the collection and analysis of statewide crime data, to the operation of the operation of the DNA databank and criminal fingerprint file to the administration of the state's Sex Offender Registry. Commissioner O'Donnell also serves as Assistant Secretary to the Governor for Criminal Justice, overseeing the state's key public safety and criminal justice agencies, including the State Police, the Department of Corrections, and the Division of Parole. Additionally, she chairs the New York State Commission on Sentencing Reform, the Forensic Science Commission and the New York State Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Board. In 1985, Ms. O'Donnell accepted a position as an assistant United States Attorney in the Western District of New York, where she prosecuted a wide array of criminal cases ranging from drug offenses to political corruption. She was promoted to appellate chief in 1990 and named First Assistant U.S. Attorney in 1993. Commissioner O'Donnell was appointed United States Attorney by President Bill Clinton in 1997 and became the first woman ever to hold the position of top federal prosecutor in upstate New York. She served as Vice-Chair of the U.S. Attorney General's Advisory Committee in Washington, D.C., where she was a member of the Investigations & Intelligence, Northern Border and Civil Rights sub-committees. In her role as chief federal prosecutor for the 17 counties in the Western District of New York, Ms. O'Donnell helped establish a program to prevent housing discrimination and was instrumental in establishing the first Hate Crimes Task Force in Western New York. A native of Western New York, Commissioner O'Donnell obtained a master's degree in social work from the State University of New York at Buffalo and graduated summa cum laude in 1982 from the University at Buffalo School of Law. The commissioner and her husband, State Supreme Court Justice John F. O'Donnell, live in Buffalo. They have two grown children, Maura and Jack.

JOHN J. PELIZZA, PH.D.



Nationally known, Dr. Pelizza is a leading authority on wellness, change process, stress management, productivity, team building and personal growth. He is a dynamic speaker to over 2500 business, school, professional and civic groups throughout North America. John J. Pelizza, Ph.D., received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas and his Master's Degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. John received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico. The founder of Pelizza & Associates, an organization designed to help people grow personally and professionally, Dr. Pelizza has dedicated himself to helping others . . . feel BETTER and do BETTER -- to helping people maximize their personal wellness and growth. John is the former hospital wellness director and former chairman of Health Education, The Sage Colleges, Troy, NY. He is currently a Professor of Health Education at The Sage Colleges. John is a recipient of the "Outstanding Young Alumni Award" from Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas. He was the creator and presenter of a weekly radio segment, "Pelizza's Positive Principles" and has been the guest on several Radio and TV shows. John is also a member of the National Speakers Association. John's books include: [A Journal to Live By](#), [The Big Secret](#), [There's Magic in Discovery](#), [Foot in the Door](#) and [Thoughts to Make You Think and Feel Better](#) and a newsletter, "Pelizza's Positive Principles for Better Living". He has recorded three audio tapes and a CD titled "I'm Here & I'm Ready! Unleashing your Potential! He and his son Joseph recently released a CD titled "Keys to Permanent Weight Loss!

- "8 Mental Thoughts to Live & Work By"
- "Balancing Work and Life"
- "Capitalizing on Change"
- "Communicating with your Mind & Body"
- "Customer Service the Competitive Advantage"
- "Delivering Effective Presentations"
- "Stress Management: A Quest for Personal Balance"
- "Team Building and Coaching"
- "The Power of Motivation"

A partial listing of John's corporate experience includes AIM Funds, Bayer Corporation, Ayco, Verizon, Clough, Harbour and Associates LLP, Fleet Bank, TD Canada Trust, QUAD/Graphics, New York State and the State of Texas. This experience has motivated him to develop strategies for individuals to follow so they can be top performers and lead healthy and happy lives.