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VINCENT H. COHEN JR. '92, L'95 took office April 1, 2015 as Acting United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. Mr. Cohen, 44, a native Washingtonian, graduated with honors from Syracuse University in 1992 and obtained his juris doctorate from Syracuse University School of Law in 1995.

Mr. Cohen had been the Office's Principal Assistant U.S. Attorney since July 2010, when he was named to that position by then, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen, Jr. He first joined the U.S. Attorney's Office in 1997 following his hiring

by then-U.S. Attorney Eric Holder. Mr. Cohen handled criminal and civil matters until 2003, when he left the office for private practice.

In private practice, Mr. Cohen first worked at Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan Lovells), specializing in white-collar criminal litigation and employment law. While at Hogan & Hartson, he worked pro bono in 2005 for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, which investigated war crimes. He was joined in this work by Loretta E. Lynch, who was then a partner at the firm and who is now the Attorney General of the United States.

Mr. Cohen later became a partner at Schertler & Onorato, where his practice included the representation of individuals and corporations in all aspects of criminal and civil litigation. While in private practice, Mr. Cohen was named one of the "Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40" by the National Bar Association. He has served as General Counsel and is an active member of 100 Black Men of Greater Washington, Inc., an organization focused on improving the quality of life of African-Americans in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area through programs focusing on health and wellness, economic empowerment, education, and mentoring.



LOUISE E. DEMBECK L'65 is a fulltime professional Arbitrator and Mediator. She is a Fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators and a member of the Panels of Arbitrators and Mediators of WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization), AAA (American Arbitration Association), NAF (National Arbitration Forum), CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution and the U.S.D.C., Southern and Eastern Districts of New York. She has served as a Mediator, Neutral, party appointed Arbitrator and Panel Chair in more than 280 complex business, contract & commercial disputes involving a wide variety of industries including author's rights, building

and construction, copyright, domain name disputes, entertainment, healthcare, hotel & hospitality, insurance, IP, international, motion picture, music, publishing, real estate, technology, television, trademarks, unfair competition and other media and communications matters.

Until leaving to become President of The AIMAC Center in 1998, she was the Chief Intellectual Property Counsel for Time Warner Inc. A lawyer and executive with Time Warner for nearly 25 years, she also served as Vice President, Time Warner Europe and, during her last five (5) years at Time Warner, as Senior Vice President, International, responsible for the integration and management of cross-corporate coordination among Time Warner's diverse business units and for identifying and evaluating emerging issues relevant to its global business operations.

Ms. Dembeck began her career there in 1975 as General Counsel to a Warner Cable task force responsible for creating Qube, the first two-way interactive cable television system. Later, as Chief Intellectual Property Counsel, from 1976 to 1993, reporting directly to the corporate General Counsel and Office of the President, she worked with the heads of each of the divisions of Time Warner advising on intellectual property,

interactive programming, new markets and other emerging issues. She was responsible for overseeing, directing and coordinating the adoption, appropriate use, administration, prosecution, and litigation with respect to copyrights, trademarks, and other intellectual property rights of the Company, its divisions and subsidiaries worldwide. In 1979, at the request of the Motion Picture Association of America, she wrote the FBI Warning Notice against unlawful reproduction of videocassettes which was adopted by the industry and has appeared on all pre-recorded videotape since.

Between 1986 and 1990, Ms. Dembeck was a key strategist for the U.S. private sector in the Uruguay Round of the GATT negotiations representing the interests of the American traditional copyright industries—film, television, records, music, publishing. In 1993, she concluded a three year assignment to Brussels, Belgium where, having initiated the concept, she opened and ran the Time Warner European corporate headquarters, making Time Warner the first U.S. based entertainment company to establish a Brussels headquarters committed to an integrated Europe. While functioning as Vice President for Time Warner in Europe, Ms. Dembeck continued in her position as Chief Intellectual Property Counsel for the Time Warner companies worldwide, responsible for setting corporate policy on intellectual property matters and proposing corporate strategy with respect to new markets and emerging issues.

A philosophy major at Hunter College, Ms. Dembeck received a Juris Doctor degree from the College of Law at Syracuse University where she studied as a Gerald Resnick Memorial Scholar and was the only woman in her graduating class. She served as Recent Decisions Editor of the *Syracuse Law Review*, and was a member of the Justinian Honorary Law Society.

She is a Past President of the Association for Conflict Resolution—Greater New York Chapter; Co-Chair of the Entertainment ADR Committee of the American Bar Association Section on Dispute Resolution and a Member of the Entertainment & Sports Industry, Intellectual Property Law, International Law and Science & Technology Sections; New York City Bar Association Arbitration Committee; Copyright Society of the United States, New York New Media Association and New York Women in Film and Television.



SUSAN R. HORN L'74 has been the President & CEO of the Hiscock Legal Aid Society (Syracuse, New York) since 1990. She previously served as a Senior and Staff Attorney at the Society. In addition to being a civil legal services provider, the Hiscock Legal Aid Society is the primary provider of mandated representation in Onondaga County to adults in Family Court and in criminal and Family Court appeals, parole revocation and extradition cases. Specialized

projects provide representation to domestic violence victims, immigrants, cancer patients and people facing foreclosure. Over 4,000 low-income people are served each year. From 1974 to 2004, the Society was the primary provider of misdemeanor criminal defense in Syracuse City Court.

Ms. Horn received her B.A. in Political Science in 1971 from Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and her J.D. in 1974 from the Syracuse University College of Law. While in law school she helped found the Women's Law Caucus and the Prisoners' Rights Project and worked on the Attica Brothers Legal Defense.

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Following law school, Ms. Horn served as a Staff Attorney with Onondaga Neighborhood Legal Services (now Legal Services of Central New York) and as a partner in the law firms of Horn, Heins, Finkelstein & Pezzulo and Heath, Horn & Rosenthal, where she practiced criminal, civil and family law. While in private practice, Ms. Horn did pro bono work for protesters at the Seneca Women's Peace Encampment, on prisoners' rights cases and on political asylum cases for Haitian refugees, among other pro bono work. She currently volunteers with the Central NY Women's Bar Association's Monday Night Clinic at Vera House, providing legal advice to domestic violence victims.

Ms. Horn is a member of the Boards of Directors of the Center for Community Alternatives, the New York State Defenders Association and the Chief Defenders Association of NYS. She also serves on Onondaga County's Criminal Justice Advisory Board, the NYS Office of Indigent Legal Services Chief Defender Advisory Committee and the New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Aid, Committee to Ensure Quality of Mandated Representation, Committee on LGBT People and the Law and Task Force on Family Court. She previously served on the Boards of the Onondaga County Bar Association, the Onondaga Citizens League, SAGE/Upstate and Planned Parenthood of the Rochester/Syracuse Region. She has also served on the Syracuse Community Development Advisory Committee and is a graduate of the Leadership Greater Syracuse program. In 2010, Ms. Horn was the recipient of the first Faith Seidenberg Award for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Legal Advocacy from the Central New York chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

Ms. Horn lives in Syracuse with her spouse, Sue Gorton. They have two grown sons, Louis and Jamie.



JOANNE M. MAHONEY '87, L'90 Elected in November 2007, Joanne M. Mahoney is the first woman to serve as Onondaga County Executive.

Growing up in Syracuse, County Executive Mahoney graduated from Corcoran High School, Syracuse University's School of Management and Syracuse University's College of Law.

After spending time in private practice, County Executive Mahoney worked for five years as a criminal prosecutor in the District Attorney's Office before being elected Councilor-at-Large in the City of Syracuse where she served a four year term.

In 2008 County Executive Mahoney led Onondaga County to work toward a greener, more sustainable community culminating in "Save the Rain", a comprehensive stormwater management plan developed to reduce pollution to Onondaga Lake.

County Executive Mahoney has also placed a tremendous emphasis on literacy and education guiding the County's partnership with Say Yes to Education, which will increase graduation rates and make college a possibility for many students.

County Executive Mahoney also makes diversifying county government and supporting minority and women owned businesses a priority. She established a partnership with On Point for College which provides summer jobs for college students.

Joanie understands the importance of the arts and successfully created a dedicated funding stream for arts organizations in our community.

In 2010, then Governor-Elect Andrew Cuomo asked County Executive Mahoney to serve as co-chair of his transition team. In 2012, Governor

Cuomo appointed County Executive Mahoney to serve as a Trustee for the New York Power Authority and most recently the Governor appointed her as Chair of the New York State Thruway Authority.

In November 2011, she ran unopposed and is currently serving her second term as County Executive. County Executive Mahoney and her husband Marc Overdyk have four sons and reside in the Town of Dewitt.



DAVID P. WEBER '95, L'98 is the Academic Director of Fraud Management Programs at the Robert H. Smith School, University of Maryland, College Park. He teaches in Smith's Master of Science in Accounting, Online Masters of Business Administration, and undergraduate accounting programs, where he teaches courses in fraud, forensic accounting, and ethics and professionalism. Weber also serves as a faculty member at Smith

School's innovative executive education training program for the Reserve Bank of India.

A Certified Fraud Examiner, attorney in private practice, and registered private investigator, he previously served as the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, the SEC's Chief Investigator. At the SEC, Weber revealed misconduct in a number of important matters, including the Bernard L. Madoff Ponzi scheme investigation, and the R. Allen Stanford Ponzi scheme investigation. He also reported widespread hacking and penetration by the Russian Federal Security Service and the Chinese Peoples Liberation Army of the nation's stock exchanges.

Prior to the SEC, Weber was the Chief of Enforcement Unit I for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, overseeing all banking enforcement activities and investigations involving state chartered banks and bank failures for the western half of the United States.

Before joining the FDIC, Weber served for more than a decade in the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Treasury Department bureau responsible for supervision of the national banking system, and foreign branches and agencies licensed by the federal government to do business in the United States. In his regulatory assignments, Weber provided foreign technical assistance to numerous governments, including within the European Union, Russia, the Pacific, the Middle East and Africa.

In addition to teaching at Maryland, Weber is a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow of the Council of Independent Colleges. This program, first established by Princeton University, has brought prominent artists, diplomats, journalists, business leaders, and other professionals to campuses across the United States for substantive dialogue with students and faculty members.

Weber earned a law degree from Syracuse University College of Law and a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice, also from Syracuse University. He is admitted to practice law in Maryland, the District of Columbia and New York, before several U.S. District Courts and the Supreme Court of the United States. He holds a Certificate from the Association for Certified Fraud Examiners, and is a registered private investigator in the Commonwealth of Virginia.