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# CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

## NO. 12-2000 OCTOBER 27, 2000

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**TO: SHERIFFS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, NEW YORK CITY WARDENS**

**RE: New Additions to the State Commission of Correction**

The Commission is pleased to announce the appointment of two new staff members to the Bureau of Field Operations. Both were carefully recruited and screened for their wealth of relevant experience, their exceptional skills and their ability to work smoothly with correctional and juvenile justice executives and staff throughout New York State. The Commission believes they will be an excellent resource for New York's correctional and juvenile justice establishments for many years to come.

**Brian Callahan - Staff Counsel**

Brian Callahan comes to the Commission most recently from private criminal law practice in Schenectady, NY. He is a graduate of Union College and Albany Law School of Union University. He worked for two years in the Office of the Schenectady County District Attorney. Mr. Callahan succeeds Mark Bonacquist as Staff Counsel and will be assigned as the primary legal resource for the Bureau of Field Operations and for correctional administrators and Sheriffs throughout New York.

**Please note that effective December 1, 2000 the Commission will resume accepting requests for legal opinions and other legal advice by telephone. Please contact Mr. Callahan directly at (518) 485-2346.**

**Christopher Ost - Correctional Facility Specialist 1**

Christopher Ost comes to the Commission most recently from the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities where he served as a Safety and Security Officer in Forensic Unit operations in that agency's institutional settings. He served three years in the NYS Department of Correctional Services and four years as a correction officer in the Warren County Sheriff's Department. He is an Emergency Medical Technician and a graduate of the State University of New York College at Brockport.

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**ALAN J. CROCE**  
**CHAIRMAN/COMMISSIONER**

