

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Legislative Office Building  
300 Capital Avenue, Hartford, CT

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re: What new Chief State's Attorney should add to the Office.

To Whom It May Concern:

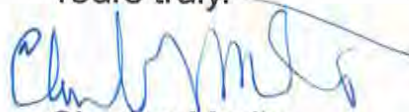
I am a retired lawyer who practiced 25 years in New York. Aside from general practice and Criminal Defense, I, also, interned in the Queens' DA Office. In 1972-73, as a Special Student, I took courses at the Yale Law School with Alexander Bickel, Robert Bork and Guido Calabresi. I have lived in West Hartford, since 2002.

I believe the new Chief State's Attorney should establish a type of Ombudsman in the office to reopen previous cases where there has been a miscarriage of justice, State abuse of power, illegal sentencing, etc., and restore justice to the victim.

I have such a case in mind. It involves wrongdoing by both the State and a Quasi State Agency, The Connecticut Lottery Corporation. There are elements of collusion between State Agencies, the police and the Lottery, whistle blowing retaliation, corruption, racism, and finally, as a Judge, new to the case declared, an illegal sentencing. Unfortunately, the new Judge got the case only after over 7 years elapsed from the original arrest and considerable damage had already been done to the defendant, who should not have been convicted in the first place.

I am attaching an affidavit with Exhibits from Adam Osmond whose case I am referring to above. I have known him for 10 years and fully vouch for his character and veracity. I hope you can forward it to a prosecutor who can reopen the case or start a new one to right the wrongs done as expeditiously as possible. If you have any questions, you can call or email me.

Yours truly.



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