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## **AAPPLE NOVEMBER SEMINAR** **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011, 6:00 PM**

**Law Office of Calwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP**  
One World Financial Center, 38<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
New York, NY 10281

**FREE** to all AAPLE members in good standing, guest \$40.00

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## SEPTEMBER/ OCTOBER 2011

We resumed our luncheon series on October 11, 2011, with guest speaker Commissioner James B. Ferguson, Senior Commissioner of the New York State Parole Board. Commissioner Ferguson gave a very informative talk on the New York State Division of Parole, and its responsibilities that included:

- *How parole, a supervised release of a prisoner before the completion of their sentence, differs from amnesty or commutation of a sentence.*
- *The various conditions of parole (i.e. reporting all encounters with police officers, refraining from drug and alcohol use, avoiding contact with the parolee's victims, obtaining employment, and maintaining required contacts with a parole officer).*
- *Making Release Determinations: Setting conditions of release for inmates released on parole*
- *Revoking Parole: Revoking parole when it determines a releasee has violated the conditions of parole.*

His discussion also included how the Parole Board determines which inmates serving indeterminate sentences in a NYS prison may be released on parole.

In April 2011, the Division of Parole was merged with the NYS Department of Correctional Services as per a directive from the Governor to create a more seamless, comprehensive operation through a continuum of care from the moment an offender enters the correctional system until they successfully complete the required period of community supervision.

Commissioner Ferguson was appointed to his current position in April 2005. He is a former Bronx County Assistant District Attorney where he served for more than six years, investigating and prosecuting criminal offenses including: homicide and other violent crimes, as well as gang and drug related offenses.

After leaving  
the D.A.s  
office, he

served for more than six years with the New York State Division of Parole as an Administrative Law Judge, where he presided over parole revocation proceedings. The son of a retired NYPD detective, Commissioner Ferguson received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Marist College and his Juris Doctor and International Law Certificate from Pace University School of Law. He is a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, the NYPD Emerald Society, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Fraternal Order of Police, the National DA's Association and the Crime Clinic.



## ANNUAL AAPLE GOLF OUTING SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

*(L-R) Michael Michaelides, LIU Head Golf Coach; Mike Woods, Fox 5; AAPLE Pres., First Deputy Commissioner Rafael Pineiro; Ruben Beltran, 1st VP at the annual golf outing on Sept. 26, at the Richmond County Country Club*

It was nice to see so many of you at our Annual Golf Outing. We had fantastic weather, a fun day of golf, good food, and super raffle prizes including: a 46" high-definition flat screen TV, iPad, iPod Touch, a Nintendo Wii system, and signed sporting equipment. I want to thank Fox 5's *Good Day New York*, meteorologist Mike Woods, who took the time to emcee our dinner festivities, as well as thank him for acknowledging the AAPLE organization live on Fox 5, the following morning. Congrats to all the winners who took home trophies, and to all of our raffle winners. As always, I want to acknowledge you, the membership, *for your support of the organization and our sponsors' generosity*, without which these events would not be possible. Once again, a special thank you goes out to the Richmond County Country Club for providing top-notch service and hospitality to all.

**Sincerely,**  
Rafael Pineiro

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### UPCOMING AAPLE EVENT:

#### November Seminar:



Monday, **November 21, 2011**, Calwalader, *Wickersham & Taft LLP*, One World Financial Center, New York, NY 10281