

News from IOLA

Christopher O'Malley



Mr. O'Malley, the new Executive Director of the Interest on Lawyer Account Fund of the State of New York (IOLA), has had a career involving many of the key constituencies that IOLA works with to provide civil legal services to the poor and to improve the administration of justice throughout New York State. Mr. O'Malley is fully committed to IOLA's mission to expand equal access to justice throughout the state. He was also drawn to the entrepreneurial model through which funds are raised to support the valuable work of IOLA grantees. He is excited to become a part of an important example of a public-private partnership that provides support for a critical need.

From 2002-2007 Mr. O'Malley was the Executive Director of Student Sponsor Partners, a scholarship-mentoring program serving over 1,250 at-risk children in New York City. SSP is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the nation, providing a quality education to financially disadvantaged New York City children. During Mr. O'Malley's five-year tenure SSP achieved the highest graduation rate, and posted the largest surplus in the organization's 23-year history.

Prior to entering the non-profit field Mr. O'Malley had a fifteen-year legal career, which included six years in the General Counsel's Office at Salomon Smith Barney, four years as a litigation associate at McAloon & Friedman, and five years as an Assistant District Attorney in Kings County.

Mr. O'Malley lives in Manhattan with his wife Wendy Flanagan, and their two sons. Mr. O'Malley graduated from Boston College with a B. A. in Political Science, and received his J.D. from Boston College Law School. Mr. O'Malley is a member of the Northeast Advisory Board for the Hispanic Scholarship Fund, a Trustee of the Lincoln Fund, and a Council Member for The Fresh Air Fund.

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